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City College (N.Y.) Wins Trophy

BROOKLYN COLLEGE SECOND YALE UNIVERSITY IS THIRD

4th Columbia University Ties New York University (Washington Square Team)

By a score of 25-7 City College of New York won the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship and custody of the Harold M. Phillips Trophy. Brooklyn College's 24-8 was a close second. Third place went to Yale University with 18½-13½, while fourth was a tie at 17½-14½ between Columbia University and the Washington Square team of New York University. The tournament was played December 26-30 at the John Jay Hall of Columbia University and was refereed by John D. French of Harrisburg, Pa.

Individual scoring leaders were rated by position played. On board one Walter Shipman (Columbia) tied Robert Byrne (Yale) at 6-2; on board two Morton Shaffer (City) had 7-1; board three was Andrew Larsen (Yale) with 7-1; while top score went to Isadore Fleischer (Brooklyn) on board four with 7-1. Outstanding feature of the play was the number of victories by unknown players over name players.

On December 28th a rapid transit tourney was held, refereed by Alfred Kremlow (Chess-playing poet). A. Bisguier (City), veteran of U. S. Lightning Tourneys, won the title of Intercollege Lightning Champion, scoring 6-0 in preliminaries and 5-0 in finals. Second was a tie between Walter Shipman (Columbia) and Julius Kielson (Brooklyn) with 5½ each in preliminaries and 2½-2½ in finals.

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GERMANTOWN "Y" FACES ACTIVE SEASON IN 1947

At the annual meeting of the Germantown (Pa.) YMCA Chess Club in October Walter Hall was elected president, W. L. Arkless vice-president, Mary Selensky secretary, Ben Ash treasurer, while W. L. Arkless and Saul Wachs became captains of the Red and White teams of the Germantown Club respectively.

On December 4th the Club was host to George Koltanowski who held a twenty-six board simultaneous exhibition, winning twenty-two games and drawing four. The successful contestants who drew were W. L. Arkless, John Seibert (winner of the club knockout tournament), Dale Shrader and Saul Wachs (Penn. Junior State Champion).

In the past two months Germantown has staged three home and home matches: with Abington YMCA (winning 8-6 and 7½-4½), with Haddonfield Chess Club, N. J. (winning 12-9 and 16½-5½) and with Reading-Lancaster teams combined (winning 9-6 and losing 8-11). This last defeat snapped an eight-match winning streak for Germantown. The Germantown teams are currently third and fourth in the Philadelphia Chess League; the White team third with 2-1 in match points, the Red team fourth with 1½-1½ in match points. As the White team is composed of lads under eighteen, the future of chess looks safe in Germantown.

TEAM TOURNAM'T ORGANIZING FOR LOS ANGELES

On December 12 representatives of the Santa Monica, Inglewood, Hollywood, Sawtelle Veterans (W. L. A.), Los Angeles Athletic Club, Bureau of Light and Power and Los Feliz chess clubs met at the Hollywood Chess Group to organize a ten team tournament or league to award the team championship of Los Angeles. A final organizational meeting will be held December 28 at which delegates are expected from Pasadena, Los Angeles Chess, Southgate, Long Beach, Northrup Aircraft, Van Nuys, Lockheed Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, South Pasadena, Hawthorne, Beverly Hills, Birmingham Veterans Hospital (Van Nuys) and the Los Angeles Veterans Admin. Region Office chess clubs. Dr. R. H. Kuhns, USCF director for California, director in California State Chess Ass'n and chess commissioner of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, has been instrumental in bringing the organization of this league into being.

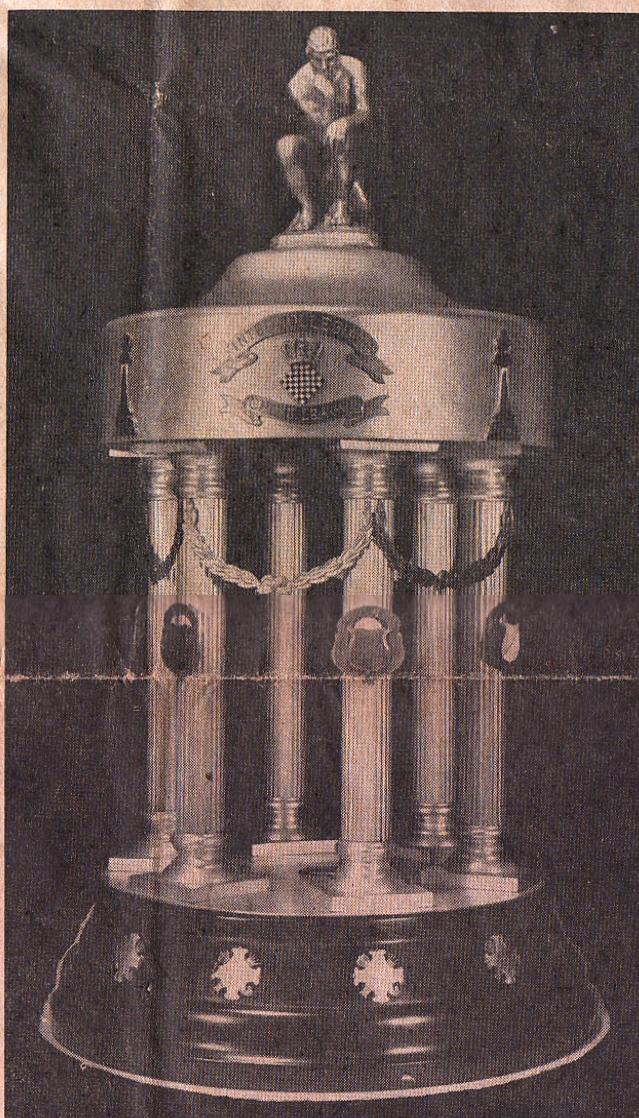
SAN DIEGO (CAL.) ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

At the annual business meeting of the San Diego Chess Club, 441 "C" Street, on December 14, the following officers were elected to serve for 1947: Eugene Cleroux, president; Ward Waddell, vice-president; Lyle Rathbun, secretary-treasurer. As a recognition of his long and faithful service a life membership was conferred upon Vincent R. Jordan who retired from office after holding the post of secretary-treasurer for twenty years.

SUESMAN, HOFFER CITY CHAMPIONS PROVIDENCE, R. I.

By a tie score of 13½-13½ W. B. Suesman and O. Hoffer became co-champions of Providence, R. I., in the tournament just completed. Final standings were:

Player	Score	Player	Score
Hoffer	13½	Augenstein	6-8
Suesman	13½	L. Winsor	5-8
Reich	13-3½	Worrell	4½-9½
Karp	9½-4	H. Winsor	10
Hudnut	8½-5½	Butterworth	3½-10½
Poelsach	8-5½	Brown	3-11
Glynn	8-5½	Salomon	1-13
Sperling	6-8		



The Harold M. Phillips Intercollegiate Team Chess Trophy

"BOOST AMERICAN CHESS!" FOR NATIONAL CHESS MONTH

National Chess Month Council Named For USCF February Membership Drive

Every member enrolls a member, is the aim and goal of National Chess Month proclaimed for February by the USCF. For it is recognized by the members of the National Chess Month Council that the ultimate goal of National Chess Month can only be achieved by the whole-hearted cooperation of every member of the United States Chess Federation in enrolling non-member chess players in their communities in the ever-growing ranks of the USCF.

It is emphasized by William M. Byland, Chairman of the Membership Committee, that the only way in which the USCF can serve the chess playing public of the United States in a full and complete program is by gaining the active support of chess players in all communities. And this support can only be obtained by the active cooperation of all members of the USCF in enrolling other chess players as members.

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MAIL CHESS ASS'N FORMED BY U. S. VETERANS HOSP'L

In process of formation is a correspondence chess league for veterans in various veteran hospitals to link together the chess players with a common background of service by their common interest in the game of chess. The movement for an exclusively veterans hospital organization (including staff, doctors and nurses) for correspondence chess had its origin in the Veterans Hospital at Lexington, Ky., where a chess club for staff and patients is already in active being.

Endorsed at Lexington by the various service organizations, Red Cross, D.A.V. and 40 & 8, according to Frank Troutman, secretary of the Veterans Hospital Club there, the correspondence chess league idea is growing rapidly, and Troutman soon hopes to include practically every Veterans Hospital in the league.

This movement also has the whole-hearted backing of the "Chess for the Wounded" committee of the USCF, which has already been in communication with Troutman, and the committee has expressed the hope that all USCF members will lend their aid to the veteran hospitals in their area for the successful promotion of this project. While the veterans through Troutman have disclaimed any desire for financial assistance, the committee feels that a local group can best lend assistance in their areas by providing correspondence chess cards for transmitting of moves, back numbers of chess magazines, helpful advice and the moral support of friendly cooperation.

Other veteran hospital groups and interested outside chess groups may communicate with Frank Troutman, U. S. Veterans Hospital, Lexington, Ky.

CLARKSBURG (W. V.) CHESS CLUB NOW REORGANIZING

The Clarksburg Chess Club, which suspended operations during the war, has held a reorganization meeting at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Clarksburg. The reorganized group elected Dr. Robert T. Humphries as president and Frank Wisinski as secretary-treasurer.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE 1946 U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

NOW that the 1946 version of the biennial championship tournament (held at the Chanin Bldg. Auditorium in New York City) has become a part of recorded chess history and the newly crowned king of American Chess is safely seated on the throne he so adequately and convincingly regained, it is time perhaps to ponder upon some of the lessons of the recent tournament in the light of experience and in particular to consider the strengths and weakness of the new system established this year of 1946 to designate entrants into the U. S. Championship Tournament.

It was not expected by the Executive Committee or the Directors of the USCF that so radical a departure from the procedure of the past could be accomplished in one quick operation without revealing minor flaws to be eliminated in future revisions. It takes time and thought and experience of things done to create any satisfactory break with tradition. And this is not accomplished by prestidigitation but by blood and sweat and tears.

When the first of the truly "open" tournaments in America was held at the Lawson "Y" in Chicago in 1934, there was much doubt and fear after non-existent precedents. The tournament itself was a great success (one of the strongest of the open tournaments), but admittedly there were certain flaws in the procedure. The years since 1934 have seen several drastic changes in the minutiae of the procedure on the Open Tournament as experience constantly suggests improvements.

So shall it be with this new conception of the U. S. Championship Tournament which did not spring, adult and full-armed from the head of Jove like Minerva, but must gain its maturity in a more restrained and natural process of aging.

There is certain to be criticism in many quarters of the fact that several of the entrants were nominated—no improvement over the old system—by local chess authorities in various areas. This criticism will be reinforced by the fact that none of these "nominated" players were in the upper ten of the tournament. Theoretically there is no denying the complete justice of this criticism; practically it was a weakness of the system accepted for the first tournament only in recognition of the fact that in certain areas there was insufficient time and (more to the point) inadequate organizational structure of local or state type to manage such regional tournaments properly in the limited span available for such organization.

The USCF is moving to remedy this basic structural weakness in these regions (as readers of the monthly messages of Mr. Giers and Mr. Wagner are well aware) so that in 1948 all entrants to the U. S. Championship will be qualified by contest in properly constituted regional meets. (We do not, of course, refer to a minimum group of recognized masters who will be seeded, as in the past, upon their acknowledged records.)

But these are all matters of detail which do not in any sense either justify or condemn the basic principle of the new U. S. Championship Tournament system. The one important question is: Was the change justified by results? The answer is an emphatic: Yes!

There may be those who viewed the final results of this 1946 Championship with chagrin because no young Lochinvar came riding out of the West to wrest the trophy from the dominant so-called "New York" chess group. (Actually Reshevsky claims Boston as his residence.) But the expectations of the USCF Executive Committee and Board of Directors (as well as the Editor of CHESS LIFE) did not include such a vision when they voted the change into effect. They were satisfied by the fact that in the first ten players were two youngsters who would not have been invited to participate under the old scheme of things; and that these two younger players finished ahead of players who were invited to previous U. S. Championships. They were no menace to the title (although one of them drew with the final victor); but they gained a valuable experience for future tournaments, and one of these days a young Lochinvar may come riding out of the West to snatch chess supremacy from the Eastern Seaboard where it has rested for so many years—even if one of the youngsters cited above lives no further west than New York City.

In any case the 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament laid the cornerstone for a chess edifice to be erected upon a democratic principle of nation-wide representation by preliminary qualification upon the basis of open contest, abolishing forever any autocratic theory that chess titles in this country belong by precedent and right to any selective group. The establishment of the ideal is the important fact; the minor defects in its first presentation are of no consequence, so long as they are subject to and receive intelligent correction.

A PROGRAM FOR ALL

(Monthly Letter No. 37)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, The United States Chess Federation

EXT to their basic concern to keep the entire program moving, it is the desire of the Executive Committee that the activities of the Federation be accurately directed and properly distributed. While perfect balance is not susceptible of human attainment, the officers of the Federation are striving to reach this desired condition as closely as may be permitted to them.

In recent weeks the spotlight has properly been focused on the national championship tournament, yet our concern to provide a program of real interest for the average club player has in no wise diminished—although here and there the plaint is raised that undue attention is given to the master players. As in the same manner is said that we do not render unto the masters the things that are the masters. But both the masters and those of lesser skill have their proper place in chess. If there were no masters, the average players would be deprived of much of their inspiration and sources of beauty in chess play. And if there were no weaker players, who would provide the background for championship encounters, who would attend exhibitions whereby the masters display their prowess, who would buy the books in which they impart their wisdom? To each his own rightful place, and to serve in every place is the aim of the Federation.

The building of a strong chess program for junior players has been regarded as a laudable task to which every man might well set his hand. The benefits of such a project are many and have been accepted as self-evident, yet now and then a protest is heard that efforts devoted to the program for juniors might better be spent in arranging tournaments for maturer players, and let the youngsters take care of their own chess.

The program of "Chess for the Wounded" is one which we thought would be beyond the range of adverse criticism. Surely none, or so we thought, could say aught against doing what little might be within our power for service men on hospital cots. But not even here could we rest secure in a feeling of duty recognized and done. One member protested against using Federation funds to distribute specially imprinted copies of the Yearbook to the soldiers and sailors who are recovering (or for some who may not recover) from their wounds, saying that such things were better left to the American Red Cross.

Yet while every honest criticism is welcome received no matter how greatly it may differ from the official views of the members of the Executive Committee, it must always remain the purpose of the Federation to offer a program of chess activity so complete that every player, be he master, duffer or beginner, and no matter what his interest, may find in it something for which he will eagerly reach. The composite of the efforts of all will provide the attainment of this desired goal.

Guest Editorial

A STROLL INTO THE PAST

By Waldo L. Waters

President, Massachusetts State Chess Association

When United States chess is considered, in a historical sense, it will be found that the eastern part of the country has played a prominent role. In New England one's mind is immediately drawn to thoughts of George Sturgis, a man, though not so well known for his chess playing, shall never be forgotten as the one who brought order out of chaos. As a result of the untiring efforts of George Sturgis an amalgamation of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation took place, resulting in our present well organized United States Chess Federation, which elected Sturgis as its first president in 1939. Sturgis held this office until his untimely death in 1944.

In going behind the scenes of George Sturgis' national prominence I found that the Sturgis influence had molded the policies and outlook in the club he called his "chess home." This is the Boston City Club whose fond memories of chess immortals would fill many a volume. Let's stroll through the chess room for a few moments. See that match game score in the frame on the wall? If you look closer you will notice that it was played in a match between the great Harry Pillsbury and John Barry, chess writer for the *Boston Transcript*. Well, to heap surprise on the spectators, Barry announced mate in thirteen moves at one point in the game, and lo and behold his calculations were correct.

This picture next to it is the "boy prodigy" Sammy Reshevsky giving a simultaneous exhibition at the age of nine. This took place April 21, 1921. Score: 16 wins, 1 loss, 2 draws.

You guessed it, the big picture in the center is George Sturgis, past Massachusetts Chess Association president. Look! here's Philidor, world's champion in 1747. There's Frank Marshall, popular U. S. Champion who was a great favorite in Boston. Of course, you know this one, William Steinitz, world title holder 1866-1892, and more later to surprise you about this man.

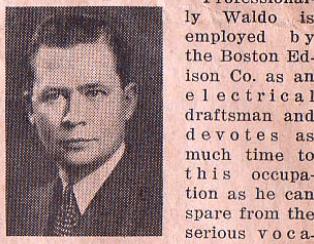
That scholarly looking gentleman there! Why, that's Dr. Max Euwe, the only living ex-world champion and strong enough still to regain the title during the coming tournament. No need to say anything about the next picture, you're very familiar with the likeness of Alexander Alekhine. Over here in the corner we have that comedian of the chess board, mental "whiz" George Koltanowski. George will always be a favorite about here.

Now, see this big brown volume here in the rack? This is one of the old treasures of the club. It is a scrap book of chess columns and notices printed in the 1800. Many people (and I was one for a long time) believe that an American never held the World's Chess Championship. You're wrong. In New York City on December 9, 1890, I. Gunsberg of England sat down opposite William Steinitz, who at that time was an American citizen, and a match started for the championship of the world. This match took place at the Manhattan Chess Club. At the beginning of this match the English chess world considered it a foregone conclusion that Gunsberg would win, but an article in the *Boston Herald* on January 22, 1891, says: "Steinitz, America's chess champion, remains champion of the world." Thus Steinitz was greeted after drawing the nineteenth game of the match, thereby clinching the title.

Who's Who In American Chess

Waldo L. Waters

Among the younger New England enthusiasts for chess is the chess editor of the Boston Herald, Waldo L. Waters, who was born in Somerville, Massachusetts in 1912. Waldo was educated at the Farm and Trades School, a private institution, and at the early age of thirteen became fascinated by the mysteries of chess. Once bitten by the disease, he remains completely unrepentant and agrees cheerfully with the old saying that "when chess takes hold of one, one is no good for much else." Waldo, however, is a living denial of the truth of the adage.



Waldo L. Waters

ly Waldo is employed by the Boston Edison Co. as an electrical draftsman and devotes as much time to this occupation as he can spare from the serious vocation of chess, for chess and its organization remain his avowed hobbies.

In 1946 the Massachusetts State Chess Association recognized both his ability and their own good fortune in his availability by electing him president. He signalized the appointment by instituting an endeavor to promote chess instruction in the public schools in New England and has expressed the hope that other chess organizers, successful in similar projects, will earn his grateful appreciation by communicating to him their suggestions and advice.

It takes no formal appointment to contact Waldo, for he can usually be found in the Boylston Chess Club engrossed in a game or kibitzing on someone's else's efforts.

W. M. Parker Mitchell

A familiar figure in Bay State chess circles is W. M. Parker Mitchell whose chess activities, however, have not been limited to the circumscribed areas of one state. Born in 1883, Mitchell was educated at Harvard University where he first began to take an interest in chess. After finishing his education he entered the U. S. Consular Service and served in Mexico, Canada, Belgium and Spain.

It was while acting as U. S. Consul in Belgium that he first experienced the urge to participate in international tournaments, so frequent journeys to England found Parker among the entrants at such famous meets as the tournament at Oxford 1910, Hastings 1930, Hastings 1931, Folkestone 1931, journeying to the latter with the U. S. team captained by Frank Marshall. Other meets were Cambridge (England) Easter Tournament 1933, Chester 1934, Great Yarmouth 1935. Many of these were conducted under the auspices of the British Chess Federation.

Parker Mitchell's activities in American chess have been no less distinguished and he has in addition been generous of his time and efforts in the more laborious field of chess organization. He has served in many capacities in the Massachusetts State Chess Association, being president in 1940. At present he is USCF Director for Massachusetts and holds the office of vice-president in the Massachusetts State Chess Association.



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Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

CHESS anecdotes from many sources fill several engrossing pages of that curious compendium, *Hone's Yearbook*. We read the solemn communications of one C. J. Hampton (March 2, 1831) with interest, even if we doubt the historical accuracy of several of the statements:

Al Amin, khalif of Bhagdat, was earnestly employed at this game when his capital residence was on the point of being taken by assault. Tam-erlane the Great is recorded to have been engaged at chess during the decisive battle between him and Bajazet. King John of England insisted upon concluding his game before he gave audience to the deputies from Rouen, coming to apprise him that their city was besieged.

King James I styled this game a philosophic folly. His son, Charles I, was at chess when told that the Scots had finally determined upon selling him to the English; and he did not seem any way discomposed, but coolly continued his game. Charles XII of Sweden, when surrounded in a house of Bender by the Turks, barricaded the premises, and then coolly set down to chess: this prince always used the king more than any other piece, and thereby lost every game; not perceiving that the king, although the most considerable of all, is impotent, either to attack his enemies or to defend himself, without the assistance of his people.

PHILADOR CHESS (PATERSON N. J.) SET FOR MATCHES

The Philador Chess Club of Paterson, N. J., began life as a social activity of the employees of the Wright Aeronautical Corp. with eight members in 1944. Now as an independent group it boasts a membership of seventy-nine of which some thirty-five are regular attendants at all meetings.

A midsummer tournament ending in September, was held to determine the six-man team which will uphold the Philador tradition in the coming competition of the Inter-County Chess League of New Jersey. Secretary-treasurer of the Philador, Carlisle Saxton, is also one of the founders of the Inter-County League.

Competition is keen in the Philador Chess Club, for the summer tournament was conditioned so that each contestant would meet every other for best two out of three games. Fifty-seven players completed this arduous course including a gentleman of eighty-four and another youngster of eighty-two who travelled by bus from his home in a neighboring town, twenty miles each way, and yet never missed a meeting.

MANKATO-NEW ULM OUTSMART CARLETON PROFS

In a chess match played at Northfield (Minn.) between the Carleton College Faculty Chess Club and the Mankato-New Ulm team, the laymen were too smart for the professors (at chess!).

Mankato-New Ulm	Carleton Faculty
Grant 13	Erickson 1
Church 2	Hadler 0
Gislason 2	Wegner 1
Kraub 2	Phillips 0
Baker 1	Strong 1
Smith 1	Johnson 1
Steele 2	Exner 0
Man.-New Ulm. 10½	Carleton 3½

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WINNIPEG CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TO I. A. DREMAN

For the third successive year the City Championship of Winnipeg (Canada) and custody of the Pulmer Cup went to I. A. Dreman of the Jewish Chess Club. Championship of the B Class and the Mitchell-Copp cup went to H. R. MacKean of the Winnipeg Chess Club. The C Class and custody of the Anderson cup ended in a tie between D. R. Duncan and J. H. Lewis, both of the Winnipeg Chess Club; while S. W. Firman of the Winnipeg Club won the D. Class and the Watch Shop cup. The tournament with thirty-five entrants was conducted by the Manitoba Chess Association with Canon H. L. Roy as tournament director.

National Chess Month Council Named

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To aid the individual player a member of the National Chess Month Council has been named for each State, and all members of the USCF are urged to aid their own Council member in gaining new memberships in his area.

"Boost American Chess!" is the chosen slogan of the Council in stating that the best way in which American Chess can be boosted is by a whole-hearted cooperation in the aims and goals of National Chess Month.



William Rojam

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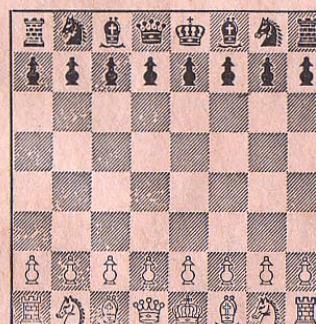
HAROLD PHILLIPS DONOR, COLLEGE TEAM TROPHY

Donor of the Intercollegiate Team Trophy is Harold M. Phillips, well-known attorney-at-law in New York City, who is known for his skill on the chess board as well as in court. Harold M. Phillips is also USCF Director from New York.

A COMPLICATED POSITION

What Is White's Best Move?

(Study the Position Carefully Before You Consult the Answer to the Problem Given Below)



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SIOUX FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS (S. D.) FORM CHESS CLUBS

Final details of organization of the Sioux Falls (So. Dak.) Chess Club have been completed and the club meets Thursday nights at the YMCA. Leo A. McKenna is president, Richard B. Denu vice-president, Henry Hausdorff secretary, Levi Hansen treasurer and George Poland director. M. F. Anderson, co-champion of South Dakota, inaugurated the season with a simultaneous exhibition, winning five, drawing one and losing one.

Hot Springs chess players have combined with patients and personnel of the Battle Mountain Sanitarium to organize the Hot Springs Chess Club. First activity of the club is a round robin tournament to be finished after the first of the year.

MALLINCKRODT WINS THE FERRIS CHESS TROPHY

The Mallinckrodt (St. Louis) Chess Club won possession of the Ferris Trophy, emblematic of the team championship of the city of St. Louis with three victories and no defeats. Final standings of the four teams in the St. Louisian team competition were:

Team	Match Points	Game Points
Mallinckrodt Chess	3 - 0	14½ - 9½
Ferris	2 - 1	12 - 12
Y.M.C.A. Chess	½ - 2½	11 - 13
Independents	½ - 2½	10½ - 13½

TEAM STANDINGS IN PHILADELPHIA CHESS LEAGUE

Current standings in the 1946-47 season of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Chess League show the Mercantile Library on top with the defending champions, Franklin Chess Club, in fifth place.

Team	Match Points	Game Points
Mercantile Library	2 - 0	8½ - 3½
Abington YMCA Chess Club	3 - 1	14½ - 9½
Germann YMCA—White	2 - 1	12 - 6
Germann YMCA—Red	13 - 13	10 - 8
Franklin Chess Club	2 - 1	12 - 12
North City Chess Club	½ - 2½	7½ - 10½
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GEO. KOLTANOWSKI SAYS COLLEGIATE SIMUL IS TOUGH

At a twenty-seven board simultaneous exhibition in connection with the Intercollegiate Team Tournament George Koltanowski found the going tough. Almost every board was a consultation. The score was fifteen wins, ten draws and two losses for Koltanowski who called it the hardest exhibition in his career.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Simultaneous Exhibition, Akron, 1946

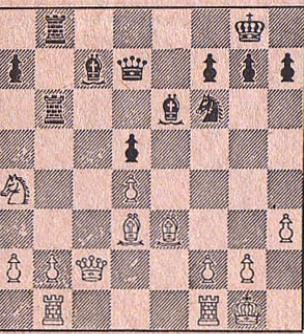
One of twenty-seven boards

Notes by William Rojman

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. PxP	4. P-QB4
4. Kt-K3	Kt-K3
This move for Black has replaced 4. ..., Kt-QB3 in popularity as it seems to give more flexibility to Black's defense.	5. R-QB3
6. Kt-Q3	P-K3
7. Kt-B4	7. QxP
8. P-K4	P-K4
9. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
10. Kt-K3	P-K3
11. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
12. Kt-K3	P-K3
13. B-K2	0-0
14. KtxKt	BxKt(Q2)

After 21. Kt-R4

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Koltanowski

22. PxR
For 22. KtxR is answered by 22. ..., Q-Kt5 and all is lost.
22. ..., R-B3 1. 24. R-B3 Kt-K5!
23. Kt-B5 QxP 25. BxKt
Black plays in masterful fashion; the threat was 25. ..., R-Kt8 ch. with mate to follow.
25. PxKt is answered by 25. ..., QxB ch.
25. ..., PxR 29. R-B2 R-K13
26. Q-K2 R-K13 30. Kt-K4 Q-K5 ch.
27. R-B2 RxQ ch. 31. Kt-K4 QxKt
28. RxR PxP Resigns

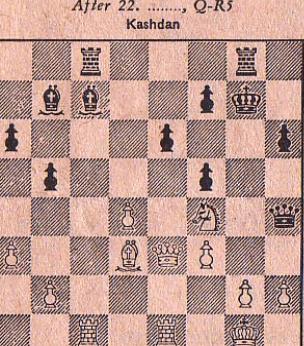
NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. vs USSR Team Match

Moscow, 1946

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White I. KASHDAN
1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 9. 0-0 P-QP
2. P-QB4 P-K3 10. P-P PxR
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-B5 11. B-KK5 P-K4
4. P-K3 0-0 12. B-Q3 B-K2
5. B-Q3 P-B4 13. Kt-K4 Q-Kt2
6. P-QR3 B-R4 14. R-B1 P-R3
7. Kt-K2 PxP 15. B-R4 B-B2
8. PxP P-Q4
Each side has a good free development. White has an isolated QP but also a cramping pin on the Black Knight. Black decides to permit a weakening of his K-side in exchange for several helpful things: 1) elimination of a White Bishop (the Bishops are particularly important in such an open position); 2) elimination of the pin; 3) the opening of the Kt-file for possible attack against the White King.
16. KtxKtch. KtxKt 18. Q-Q2 K-K2
17. BxKt PxR 19. Kt-B4 P-B4
An excellent positional move. It places the doubled Pawns in their ideal formation, strikes at the center, gives the Black Queen more good squares and helps generally impede the action of White's one remaining Bishop.
20. KR-K1 R-B1 22. P-B3 Q-R5
21. Q-K5 R-K4
After 22. ..., Q-R5
Kashdan



Kotov

23. P-KK3
The strength of Black's move begins to become apparent. 23. Kt-R3 is surely not very appetizing and 23. RxR, RxR; 24. Q-K5 ch., K-R2; 25. KtxP!, PxKt; 26. QxR ch., R-Kt2; 27. Q-B3, BxP would offer better chances than the text which loses a Pawn. But by 24. ..., K-B1 Black could hold the exchange. There are numerous fascinating combinations in the position.

23. ..., BxKt 31. K-K2 B-K5
24. QxR QxP 32. K-K3 B-B6
25. P-B3 33. K-B2 P-QR4
26. K-B2 B-Q4 34. P-R5 P-K5
27. R-K1 ch. K-B3 35. PxP PxP
28. QxR RxR 36. R-QR1 R-KK1
29. K-K3 B-K2 37. K-B4 R-K17
30. P-K4 B-Q4

Out of the question, of course, would be 27. ..., R-QK1 because White could soon win the KtP anyway. It is characteristic of Rook and Pawn endings that an aggressive policy should be pursued.

38. R-QK1 R-Q7 43. P-K15 R-B6 ch.

39. P-K3 R-KB7 44. K-K6 P-B5

40. KxP R-PxP 45. K-R7 R-R6 ch.

41. K-B5 R-B6 46. K-K8 P-B6

42. P-K4 K-K2

Tournament Life

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University of Rochester,
Rochester 3, New York

There is an old slogan attributed to Reuben Fine to the effect that "Passed Pawns must be pushed."

47. P-K16 K-Q2 48. P-K7 P-B3
The intention here is to push the K-Pawn and create two connected passed Pawns. By advancing these far enough Black may then give up his Rook for the threatening White passed Pawn and still win.

This move for Black has replaced 4. ..., Kt-QB3

in popularity as it seems to give more flexibility to Black's defense.

5. Kt-QB3 B-B4 7. QxP

8. P-K4 P-K4 9. Kt-B1

10. P-Q4 P-Q4 11. P-B3

12. P-B3 P-B3 13. P-B6 ch.

14. P-B6 ch. 15. Kt-B2

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Every Member Add A Member!

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February Membership Drive Depends
Upon Member Cooperation For Success

When the USCF opens its first membership drive in February, the success or failure of the campaign will rest entirely upon the individual members of the USCF. This is a point emphasized by William M. Byland, Chairman of National Chess Month Council, in stating the simple fact that the members of his National Chess Month Council (one member in every State) can do little without the whole-hearted cooperation of the USCF individual membership in their areas.

LUDWIG CAPTURES NEBRASKA STATE CHESS TITLE

Alfred Ludwig of Omaha (Nebraska) regained the Nebraska State Chess Championship in the state tournament held at Omaha December 28-29 under the Swiss system. In points Ludwig was tied with Jack Spence, but under the Sonneborn-Berger system was awarded a clear title by his personal victory over Spence. Third was Gerald Roitstein who placed third in the Consolation Division of the U. S. Junior Championship in Chicago last July.

Ludwig won the Nebraska title previously and has won the Omaha City Championship twice. In 1945 he won the Consolation Division of the U. S. Open Tournament at Peoria without loss of a game. Howard Ohman, 1946 Nebr. Champion, did not defend his title but among the contestants Ludwig outpointed was Delmar Saxton, 1939 Nebraska State Champion and victor in the Fifth CCLA U. S. Championship Correspondence Tournament.

Final standings were:

College	Match Score	Score Score
Harvard	13½	4½-8½
Yale	13½	4½-8½
Princeton	0-2	3-5

HARVARD, YALE SHARE HONORS IN H.Y.P.D. TOURNEY

Meeting in a triangular tourney (with Dartmouth absent) Harvard and Yale chess teams split top honors. Their own encounter ended in a 2-2 tie and both teams defeated Princeton by the identical score of 2½-1½. The tie will probably be played off in New England during the spring.

Robert Byrne of Brooklyn headed the Yale team and won both games as did Robert Brimberg of Manhattan. Clean scores were also turned in by Clarence W. Hewlett, Jr. of Marblehead and William Watts of Milwaukee for Harvard.

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W. M. BYLAND WINS METROPOL'N PITTSBURGH MEET

William M. Byland, USCF Vice-President and Chairman of the Membership Committee, demonstrated his practical attitude toward chess by winning the Metropolitan Pittsburgh (Pa.) Championship for 1946 with six victories, no losses and three draws. In the final rounds just completed Byland was the only player to remain undefeated for the whole course. Final standings were:

W. M. Byland	7½-1½	J. Firestone	4½-4½
I. Firestone	6½-2½	R. U. Reel	4½-4½
R. R. McCready	6-3	W. A. Mallory	4½-5½
J. Stargle	5½-3½	R. N. Ramme	1-8
D. Spiro	5-4	J. Schoen	1-8

MISSOURI HAS CHESS ACTIVITY NEW CLUBS FORM

At Sedalia (Mo.) Mrs. Caroline Ward and George Lovett learned it pays to advertise. An item in the local newspaper brought sixteen players to the first meeting and a club is now organized with Walter Bopp as president, George Lockett, treasurer, and Mrs. Ward as secretary.

In St. Joseph (Mo.) Edwin O'Brien became the acting president of the newly organized Golden Knights Chess Club which will meet regularly in the YMCA on Thursday evenings. H. O. Madison, Neil Adams and Mr. Heyer are assisting in the general organization of the club which will elect its permanent officers at a later date.

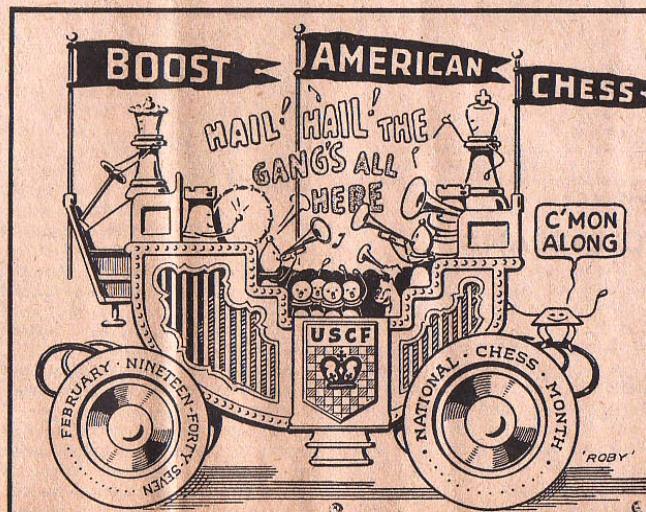
LeRoy Mason of Jackson (Mo.) is a high school teacher and correspondent chess enthusiast. His enthusiasm has taken the practical course of organizing a group of fifteen high school lads into a chess club.

CHESS MATCHES BY TELEVISION SLATED FOR 1947

If the plans of David M. Crandell of the Los Angeles Athletic Club do not go astray the year of 1947 will see a chess match by television between Sawtelle and Birmingham Veteran Hospitals in California. Mr. Crandell is consultant on television with the American Broadcasting Company, and is much interested in providing the veterans with the novelty of chess by television as a fore-runner of many such matches which he expects to be the result of this demonstration and modern improvements in television equipment.

The Chess Bug Sez:-

by Robson



NEW USCF "SERVICE DEPT." TO OFFER SAVINGS TO MEMBERS

Net Profits Upon Sales Will Swell

USCF Funds For Chess Organization

It is news, and good news, to chess players that the USCF has at last yielded to the urgings of many voices and established a Service Department, designed to offer savings to USCF members on many of their purchases and at the same time increase the working funds of the Federation. The Service Department is already functioning and with this issue of CHESS LIFE offers an assortment of chess sets and chess books. Other items, according to Paul G. Giers who will supervise the department, will be added as fast as satisfactory connections can be made and desirable merchandise found. The USCF, however, in the opinion of Mr. Giers owes it to its membership to be certain of the value and quality of every item it handles, therefore no hasty choice of items is possible.

Wherever existing trade agreements make it possible, the USCF Service Department will offer substantial savings to all USCF members; and the net profits of all transactions will be devoted to the organization and development of chess in the United States.

ABE YANOFSKY WINNIPEG MASTER EARNS PRAISE

With the successful completion of his various contests in Switzerland by holding a triple tie for first place in the Arbon International Tournament with the Czech experts, L. Pachman and K. Opocensky, Abe Yanofsky, the youthful 1945 co-champion of Canada, has added stature to his standing as a master. At the very strong Groningen Tournament his score of 8½ was very respectable when coupled with his brilliant victory over the winner, Mikhail Botvinnik.

Yanofsky, who tied with Steiner for first at the 1942 Open Tournament at Dallas, is now playing in the Hastings (England) Tournament. From there he plans to go to Denmark, Norway and Iceland before he returns home in March for his 22nd birthday celebration. American players will find him a more finished and dangerous opponent after his six months of practical schooling in international events.

DATE SET FOR CORPUS CHRISTI OPEN TOURNAM'T

The 1947 U. S. Open Tournament will be held at Corpus Christi, Texas, in response to the invitation of the Corpus Christi Chess Club and offer of cooperative endeavor by the Texas Chess Association. The dates of the 48th Open Tournament have been set as July 14th to July 26th and the exact date for the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Tournament will be announced later.

Texas last saw the U. S. Open Tournament in 1942 at Dallas when Steiner and Yanofsky ended in a tie for first place honors.

July will be a busy month for chess since the 2nd U. S. Junior Chess Championship Tournament has already been announced as opening on June 30th and continuing to July 12th with the locale as Cleveland, Ohio, where local hosts will be the Cleveland Chess Clubs, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio State Chess Association.

DR. BELA ROZSA FIRST OKLAHOMA CHESS CHAMPION

The first annual tournament of the newly organized Oklahoma State Chess Association was held December 28-29 at Oklahoma City with twenty-two entrants. Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa won first place with a score of five straight wins. Robert Garver of Tulsa was second with four wins and one loss to A. H. Roddy who was third. Four players tied with scores of 3½ but on a weighted score system the tie was dissolved with A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City third, Antonio de la Torre of Norman fourth, E. N. Anderson fifth and Dr. A. S. Neal sixth. Roddy lost to Dr. Rozsa and drew with de la Torre to hold his third place position.

Dr. Rozsa (who tied for eighth with E. Davidson of Chicago and R. Konkel of Minneapolis in the 1945 Open Tournament at Peoria) was awarded custody of the trophy donated by E. H. Gill of Oklahoma City, who with A. H. Roddy and B. A. Rexroth was in charge of all tournament arrangements. The tournament was conducted as a Swiss with ties broken by weighted scores.

Final standings of the first ten players (with ties broken on Sonneborn-Berger system):

1. Dr. Bela Rozsa	5-0
2. Robert Garver	4-1
3. A. H. Roddy	3½-1½
4. Antonio de la Torre	3½-1½
5. E. N. Anderson	3½-1½
6. Dr. A. S. Neal	3½-1½
7. Floyd Lee, Jr.	3-2
8. E. H. Gill	3-2
9. Dr. Sebastian Lomantz	3-2
10. Dr. Kester Svendsen	3-2

OKLAHOMA FORMS NEW CHESS ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS

Prior to the staging of Oklahoma's first annual state championship tournament, the Oklahoma Chess Association was formed and at the organizing meeting it was voted to affiliate promptly with the USCF so that the first and succeeding State Titles would be nationally recognized as official.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City as first president. Dr. Bela Rozsa (formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and now of Tulsa, Okla.) became vice-president. Dr. Kester Svendsen of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma at Norman became the secretary-treasurer.

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A SALUTE TO CLEVELAND

IT is not uncommon for man to forget that we cannot have effect without cause. Therefore we are frequently surprised at results and eager to proclaim miracles, when they are merely the inexorable production of preparation and hard work.

Last July a group of eager youngsters gathered at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago to contest for the U. S. Junior Chess Championship. Some of them already had enviable reputations, and much surprise was expressed at the victory of a comparatively unknown player from Cleveland named Larry Friedman. But this was no miracle produced without a background of hard work. Larry Friedman had as definite a background of chess experience as the better known players of the East. All that he and Cleveland lacked was the advertising.

The superlative chess program of Milwaukee, which covers almost every possible phase of chess, has served unintentionally to block out similar programs elsewhere. Few knew (or even now know) that Cleveland has had a far-sighted program of chess for juniors in operation for some years—and this program provided the background for the winning of the first U. S. Junior Championship.

Elsewhere in the columns of CHESS LIFE is an item noting that the Cleveland Public Library in conjunction with the Cleveland Chess Association has inaugurated its third year of chess in the main library on Saturday afternoons for youngsters of school age. This is but one phase of the Cleveland program for juniors; but it is a phase that other communities can profitably imitate. In library circles the name and example of the Cleveland Public Library can be potent in the promotion of chess programs for juniors if the chess players of the community will lend their efforts and their weight to the movement.

It should not be hard to follow down the path, now that Cleveland has pointed out the way.

An Open Letter

National Chess Month

FEBRUARY 1947

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FEBRUARY 1947 has been designated National Chess Month for a nation-wide drive to arouse the general interest of American chess players through a concerted program of special activities and to give a tremendous boost to USCF membership.

Each state is represented on the National Chess Month Council which will stimulate an extensive program of chess events from coast to coast, in cooperation with the nation's chess clubs. An important part of this campaign to make America more chess-conscious will be a determined drive to enroll new chapter clubs and thousands of individual Federation members.

Attainment of our membership goal cannot be left to a certain few. During these 28 days of February, let's work together, each and every one of us, in an all-out effort to unite all chess players in our national organization.

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Do your friends a special favor by enrolling them early, as the first 1,000 new members recorded during National Chess Month will be given the 1945 yearbook in addition to the usual membership awards.

The Secretary will be happy to supply you with additional enrollment forms.

Yours for a successful campaign,

W. M. (Bill) Byland
Vice-President and Chairman,
National Chess Month Council,
3244 Latonia Ave., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

ABOUT F.I.D.E. AND THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

AFTER a six-year standstill during World War II, the international chess situation has again become a matter of considerable interest to chess players throughout the world. International chess activities are centered in, and controlled by, F.I.D.E. (*Federation Internationale des Echecs*) which is composed of the chess federations representing the various nations. For the benefit of our younger players, a few words about F.I.D.E. and its history may not be amiss.

F.I.D.E. was organized at Paris in 1924 as a non-political body for the sole purpose of chess development. It controls the official chess code and world championship competition, sponsors the biennial international team matches and generally aims to establish closer relations between the chess players of the world. The presidency of F.I.D.E. has continuously been held by Dr. A. Rueb of The Hague, Holland, who for almost as many years has been assisted by Vice-President Maurice S. Kuhns of Chicago, our own venerable President Emeritus.

Thanks largely to Mr. Kuhns, the United States not only has been well represented in F.I.D.E. councils, but also won the respect of the chess world through four consecutive victories of U. S. chess teams in the biennial international team tournaments for the Hamilton-Russell trophy. Captained by the late Frank J. Marshall, our teams won top laurels at Prague in 1931, Folkestone in 1933, Warsaw in 1935 and Stockholm in 1937, a truly great achievement.

The first General Assembly of F.I.D.E. since the war was held last July at Winterthur, Switzerland. Relatively few nations were represented, due to travel restrictions and unsettled conditions in Europe. According to the minutes of this meeting, which finally have reached us, Germany was excluded from membership. Spain likewise was ejected, apparently in the hope that this action would pave the way for the entry of Russia. However, the USSR has not yet accepted the invitation to join.

For better world representation, five new F.I.D.E. "zones" were established: North America (U.S.A. and Canada), Central America, South America, Orient (including Australia), and the Scandinavian zone. Each of these zones will select a delegate as member of F.I.D.E.'s Central Committee.

Of most timely interest was the Winterthur Assembly's action with regard to the world championship question. Even before the death of Dr. Alekhine last March, there had been growing sentiment here and abroad favoring more frequent competition for the world title by means of tournament play in place of the long-established match system. With Alekhine's passing, this issue was suddenly brought to a head and prompt F.I.D.E. action was necessary.

In accordance with the plan drafted by a special committee, the Winterthur Assembly voted to hold a world championship tournament of six participants—three Russians, two Americans and Dr. Euwe, former world champion—this tournament to take place at Noordwyck, Holland, in 1947. Also adopted was a program of future world title play, based on a three-year cycle of competition: determination of zone champions, inter-zone tournament of zone champions and other recognized masters, tournament of candidates for the title and, finally, match play between the champion and the winner of the candidates' tournament.

This solution has by no means found universal approval. Sharp protest has come from various quarters demanding that other high-ranking masters be admitted to the first title tourney in addition to the six players tentatively designated at Winterthur Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov, Reshevsky, Fine and Euwe. The Russian players, on the other hand, refuse to play in a tournament of more than six participants and also insist that one-half the tournament rounds be played in Russia.

As a result of these and other disagreements, F.I.D.E. President Dr. Rueb has suspended arrangements for a 1947 world championship tournament, leaving it up to the next General Assembly to take further action in the matter. There may be no perfect solution to the problem. However, it is to be hoped that the obstacles will be cleared away and that the world chess throne will soon again be filled, by the fairest and most equitable means possible.

Our Federation plans to be represented at the F.I.D.E. Congress to be held in Holland this Summer and will take a keen interest in the settlement of the world championship issue.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

As Captain of the Yeshiva College Chess Team, I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Tournament Committee of the National Intercollegiate Championship for the excellent way in which the Tournament was conducted. There is no doubt that this match has done a great deal for college chess in general, and the U. S. Chess Federation in particular.

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN
Captain, Yeshiva College
Chess Club

Dear Sir:

In going over our files we find that in our membership of approximately 250 members we have practically every profession, trade, business, and "what not" represented.

There are artisans, artists, architects, army officers and an- noyers; butchers, bakers, bene- dictists and bachelors; column- ists, chemists, cellists, compos-

ers and critics; doctors of divinity, philosophy, medicine, dentistry and literature; engineers, electricians, engravers and egoists; farmers, geologists, genealogists; hostellers, housewives and handymen; idealists, insurance agents, inventors and iconoclasts; judges, just folk, jokers and jesters; kibitzers; lawyers, librarians and honorary lifers; manufacturers, merchants, mail clerks; neurologists, nurses, neophytes and nuisances; osteopaths, organists, orchestra leaders and old maids; preachers, publishers, poets, pianists and philatelists; researchers, realtors, reporters and republicans; ship- builders, secretaries, students and scoffers; technicians, teachers and traders; underwriters and undergrads; vocalists, valedictorians and van- dykes; writers, woodcarvers, wolves and wags; xcellent xamples of xcentricities; zoolo-

It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lorn on History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: In your last number of CHESS LIFE you speak of the modernistic chess pattern designed by Moholy-Nagy. Where can I secure a copy of the pattern? Why didn't you print this set? I enjoy your paper.

M. Rettinger
Encino, California

Answer: The "Bauhaus" set was never placed on sale in America and the only illustrations of it were published in a German work on the Bauhaus not now available. The editor of CHESS LIFE however has a set made from the "Bauhaus" designs and has promised to have it photographed for reproduction in CHESS LIFE.

Question: Would you mind telling me what, in your opinion is the best chess opening? Where are the best chess sets made in the world? That is, wood sets, and where are the largest sets made and what do they all cost? Where can you get pictures of the world champion players such as Alekhine, Euwe, Reshevsky, etc.? What are the names of the 10 best chess players in the world?

George Kohlhepp
Baltimore, Maryland

Answer: "It's A Question" does not answer questions based on opinion. It cannot therefore comment on the "best chess opening" as even the masters disagree on this point. "Best" is also a relative matter in regard to chess sets, as it depends on whether sets are considered from artistic, intrinsic or practical value. From the practical standpoint the wooden sets of W. C. Plinley have always ranked high. E. S. Lowe & Co. of New York produce a fine hand-carved catalin set while Wm. F. Druke of Grand Rapids also produce a very fine wooden set. Freak large-sized sets have been produced at various times in small quantities, but the largest commercially produced set will be a plastic set to be issued this year by The Gallant Knight Co. of Chicago which will have a five inch King.

Pictures of famous chess players in the news can usually be obtained from Underwood & Underwood, Photo Press Service or any other large supplier of photographs for commercial and publicity purposes. Consult the classified section of your local phone book.

Lack of sufficient international competition during the war years make it impossible to evaluate the present comparative standing of the leading chess masters. FIDE in planning a tournament to settle the World Championship left vacant by the death of Alekhine had the intention of inviting Botvinnik, Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Keres and Smyslov to compete. This may be taken as the expression of FIDE's belief as to the six strongest players. Many critics would add the name of the Argentino-Polish master Najdorf to the list; and there are other claimants. This column can express no opinion beyond reporting the factual matter of FIDE's decision.

It is contrary to policy to quote prices in this column at any time. The USCF Service Department will be glad to quote prices on any items it can supply and the firms listed above will furnish quotations on their own products.

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Put them all together and you'll find a group of normal intelligent, friendly, fun loving fans at the chess boards or kibitzing or reading, and visitors are welcome.

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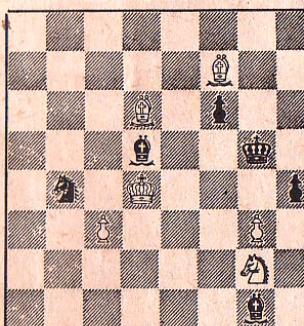
Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojasm

READERS of this column have rashly dared its conductor with tight-lipped threats to publish further explorations in the field of "Gremlin" chess. But this conductor confesses that he has never been schooled to resist temptation, believing indeed that the sooner we yield the sooner we forget about the temptation. Here then are problems illustrating two more "gremlin" themes of composition: the Advanced and the Inverted Gremlin. If there are any other themes, beyond the four that have been demonstrated in this column, the conductor is happily unaware of their existence and trusts that he can remain in that state of blissful ignorance.

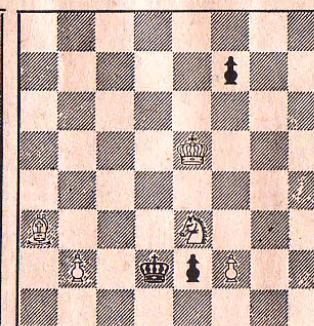
(Solutions on page four.)

III. Advanced Gremlin Theme



White to Move and Mate in Two

IV. Inverted Gremlin Theme



White to Move and Mate in Two

William Rojasm

3rd CHESS TERM AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The chess program for boys and girls of school age sponsored by the Youth Department of the Cleveland Public Library under the supervision of Miss Jean C. Roos has inaugurated its third season. Every Saturday afternoon sees a session of chess in the Treasure Room of the main library and the number of participants has been as high as one hundred boys and girls. The chess program began in 1944 as the result of the cooperative efforts of the Cleveland Chess Association and the Cleveland Public Library.

Willard H. Mutchler

On Tuesday, January 7th, Chess lost a faithful friend and loyal supporter in the passing of Willard H. Mutchler who for more than twenty years conducted the chess column in The Washington Post. Mutchler was still a young man (only forty-three); and his untimely passing is a cruel blow to Washington chess as well as to his many friends throughout the country.

CHESS TOURNEY ABOARD SHIP ON "ILE DE FRANCE"

Max Herzberger of Rochester (N.Y.), vice-president of the New York State Chess Association, does not believe in wasting hours aboard ship on shuffleboard and other trivial pastimes. Returning from attendance at a scientific congress in Paris, Mr. Herzberger organized a chess tournament on the Ile de France with twenty-eight participants, including Lima Limoz (the film star), Charles Philippe (French film producer), Dr. James Bereskin (one of the senior members of the Brooklyn Chess Club), Dr. J. Luisjard (president of the Chess Club Amical in Paris), Mario Rigand (owner of a famous French department store), students from Poland, a merchant from Tel Aviv in Palestine, a pharmacist from French Morocco and the playwright Zilahy from Budapest.

Four rounds of Swiss system were used to eliminate the majority of the contestants, and then the eight survivors fought it out in a round robin. Herzberger demonstrated that his playing ability was equal to his organizing talent by winning the Championship of the Ile de France.

CUBA SHOWS OLD SKILL AT CHESS STILL REMAINS

Cuba, whose chess playing days date back beyond the visits of Morphy to Havana, shows the same victorious spirit that sent Jose Capablanca forth to capture the World Crown. In the team tournament sponsored by the Central American and Caribbean Olympics at Barranquilla in Columbia, the Cuban team emerged victorious, winning seven of their eight matches and holding a tie in the other for a game score of 23-9.

The Cuban team defeated Puerto Rico twice by 2½-½ and 4-0; Venezuela twice by 3½-½ and 2½-½, San Domingo twice by 3-1, and Columbia once by 2½-½ while the second meeting ended in a tie.

The Columbia quartet finished second by winning four matches with two ties and two losses for a game score of 19-13. They defeated San Domingo twice by 3-1 and Puerto Rico once by the same score, while they defeated Venezuela once by 3½-½. They tied with Cuba and with Venezuela once each.

The Puerto Ricans got off to a brilliant start and were in the lead until the fifth round, finishing in third place with two matches won, three tied and three lost for a game score of 15½-15½. Fourth was Venezuela with 13½-18½ with one victory over San Domingo and four ties. San Domingo finished last with two tied matches and six losses and a game score of 9-23.

Members of the victorious team were M. Aleman, F. Planas, J. Paz, J. B. Morales and J. Alvarez. Of these both Aleman and Planas have played recently in the U. S.—Aleman at Pittsburgh Open and Planas at Yankton International, which he won. Aleman won six, lost one and drew one; Planas won five and drew three.

Best score of the meet was compiled by M. Cuellar of Columbia who scored seven wins and one draw without a defeat. George Koltanowski, the blindfold expert, acted as Tournament Director. Success of this first team tournament has created plans for its repetition next year with an augmented entry list.

I.B.M. CHESS BOWS TO POUGHKEEPSIE CHADWICK CHESS

Meeting at the Grossinger Hotel in Liberty, N. Y., the Poughkeepsie Chadwick Chess Club (N. Y.) defeated the I. B. M. Chess Club of Endicott, N. Y. by the score of 6½-3½. The Poughkeepsie Chadwick Club is scheduled to travel to West Point for a contest with the Cadets on eight boards January 26. Results of the match with I. B. M. were:

Poughkeepsie	I. B. M.
E. Sterling Carter 0	Chester Hinaman 1
Victor Bohm ½	Russel Allen ½
Rev. C. E. Hopkin 1	Merville Mitchell 0
Fred Schmitz 1	Abner Ogden 0
Frank C. Artz 1	Robert Morris 0
George Traver 0	Harold Thayer 1
Joseph Meyerson 1	Ralph Wade 0
Emil Jensen 0	Leland Ostrander 1
Hans Gronke 1	William Schweizer 0
Dan Meyerson 1	Bert Chapman 0
Poughkeepsie 6½	I. B. M. 3½

Poughkeepsie 6½ I. B. M. 3½

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MODESTO CHESS FIRST BIRTHDAY (CAL.) CELEBRATES

Leaping the hurdle of no regular meeting place the Modesto (California) Chess Club celebrates its first birthday with a proud record of successful operation.

Among the events that now cast their shadows ahead are the forthcoming series of team matches with the Fresno (California) Chess Club, the first annual championship tournament and a ladder tournament. Exhibitions by George Koltanowski and I. A. Horowitz are scheduled for February and a standing invitation has been issued to all visiting masters.

In 1946, despite its infancy as an organization, the Modesto Club has had exhibitions by Koltanowski, Horowitz and Steiner. The last named master has given two, and although one of these was on the inauspicious date of Friday, December 13th, thirty members were present despite the fact that only three days notice was given in advance. On this occasion with twenty-two boards played Herman Steiner won twenty and lost two, to Monte Jackson and A. Andrews. Mr. Jackson (of Riverside) holds the distinction of besting both Horowitz and Koltanowski as well in their exhibitions. Herbert Paul is president and Herbert Betker vice-president of the Modesto Club.

HOROWITZ SHOWS BRILLIANT CHESS AT CHESS DIVAN

On Wednesday, January 8, I. A. Horowitz gave a brilliant simultaneous exhibition at the Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan in ten clock games against a formidable array of opponents. In five hours of hard play Horowitz yielded draws to D. H. Mugridge and S. E. Wagman, while he defeated M. C. Stark, H. Berliner, A. W. Fox, E. M. Knapp, Wm. F. Gray, G. S. Thomas, R. S. Cantwell and M. Kurtz to the surprise of the Divanites.

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Among the enthusiasts of chess and "ham" radio combined is Paul A. McCreery of Columbia, Mo., who is both chess player and radio operator. He is looking for a contact for a radio chess match by short wave as Columbia numbers a group of chess players eager for the novelty of chess by air-waves. Those interested may communicate with McCreery or with Horace B. Allen, M.D., of Columbia, Mo.

Any one interested in becoming a nominee for Secretary-Tournament Director of the CCLA is requested to write at once his qualifications to:

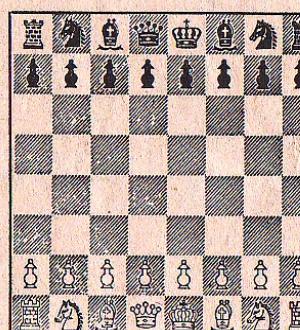
Major J. B. Holt

Long Beach, Via Sarasota, Fla.

A COMPLICATED POSITION

What Is White's Best Move?

(Study the Position Carefully Before You Consult the Answer to the Problem Given Below)



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1946 Intercollegiate Team Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

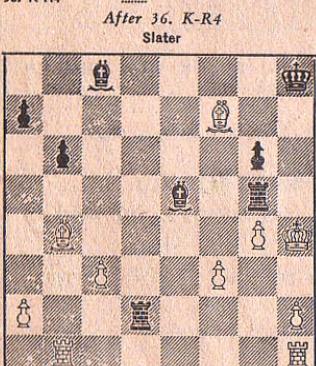
White	Black
WEINSTEIN (NYU-Wash. Sq.)	JONES (Stevens)
1. P-K4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	P-QB3
4. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
5. B-K5	PxP
6. P-K4	P-QK4
Up to this move the game has followed the sensational game Denker-Botvinnik in the Radio Match with Russia. At this point Denker played 11. PxKt, which a number of analysts consider satisfactory despite Denker's unhappy experience with it. The whole variation is extremely complex. Whether 11. Q-B3 is best here will probably take years of analysis. This game is a strong piece of evidence in its favor.	7. P-K5
8. P-Q4	P-K4
9. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
10. B-K4	P-QB3
11. Q-B3	Q-B3
12. P-Kt	P-QB4
13. 0-0	16. Kt-BP
14. P-Q4	15. Kt-R4
15. Kt-B3	Q-R4
16. P-K4	P-QK5
17. 0-0	18. P-Q5
18. P-Kt	P-QB3
19. 0-0	20. B-B4
20. P-Q4	21. Kt-K1
21. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
22. P-R4 ch.	K-R3
23. P-B7 ch.	R3
24. Kt-B2	BxP ch.
25. P-B4	Q-B3
26. P-B8(Q)ch. KtxQ	27. R-Kt3 ch. Resigns

ENGLISH OPENING

Firestone Chess Club Tournament Akron, 1946

Notes by Albert C. Margolis

White	Black
P. SEITZ	E. SLATER
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-QB3
Better is 3. P-Q4; 4. P-K5, P-Q5; 5. P-R5, PxR; 6. KtPxP, KtPxP; 7. P-Q4, B-B4 and Black stands well.	3. P-K4
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. QxP	P-QB4?
Black's last move leaves a hole at his Q4 and saddles himself with a backward QP. White should not disturb this situation. He could return his Queen to Q2 followed by Kt-K2 and the development of both Bishops. The text wastes far too much time.	6. Kt-K2
7. Kt-Q5?	7. Kt-Q5?
Again bad. Development was in order.	8. BxP?
9. Kt-K1	8. BxP?
White does not believe in development?	9. Kt-K1
10. R-K1	10. BxP ch.?
11. Kt-K2	P-QK3
12. Better to develop pieces.	12. B-K2
13. BxP	13. B-B3
14. White does not believe in development?	14. R-K1
15. Kt-K2	15. BxP ch.?
16. Black has gained possession of tremendous space for his pieces and in spite of this great superiority of position White now stops to take Black's KtP. This is bad chess.	16. Kt-K1
17. Kt-K2	17. P-B3
18. Kt-Q2	18. P-B3
19. 0-0	19. Kt-K1
20. Kt-K4	20. Kt-K4
21. Kt-B3	21. Kt-B3
22. Kt-K2	22. Kt-K2
23. Kt-K1	23. Kt-K1
24. Kt-K1 is better.	24. Kt-K1
25. Q-K7 ch.	25. Q-K7 ch.
With the control of the 7th rank the end cannot be too far distant.	26. QxQ
27. Kt-R3	27. P-B6
Black's every move is in the spirit of rapid development and control of the vital squares, the theme of squares throughout and his play is of high order.	28. P-PxP
29. B-B3	29. BxP
30. B-K4	30. Kt-K3
31. B-B7	31. Kt-K3
32. P-KK4	32. B-K1
Possibly to gain time on the clock.	33. Kt-K3
34. K-R4	34. Kt-K4
Slater	35. Kt-K4



36. R-R4 ch.
Here it is and a pretty one at that.
37. PxR
P-Kt4 ch.
Resigns

2. P-Kt8 (Kt8) mate.
1. Kt5
In opposite file direction; then:
1. Turn board around so pieces are moving
2. Knight which left illegal move of
3. Knight back left king in check.
Solutions to Gremlin Problems

Tournament Life

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
G. KRAMER	A. DENKER
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-KB3
3. Kt-B3	3. P-Q4
4. Kt-B3	4. PxP
5. Kt-B3	5. Kt-B3
6. P-K4	6. Kt-B3
7. P-K5	7. P-K5
8. P-K4	8. P-K4
9. Kt-B3	9. Kt-B3
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H. P. Tagle Philippine Champion

WAR'S DAMAGE CANNOT CHECK WARRIORS OF CHECKERED BOARD

First Championship Tournament Held In Republic Of The Philippines

Despite the ravages of war which still blight the ruined, but reviving, city of Manila, chess is not forgotten nor neglected in this new-born Republic of the Philippines. Conditions are far from ideal as Horacio P. Tagle, president of the Manila Chess Club confesses when he writes: "Postwar conditions have materially and deeply changed the lives of our people: when before the war it would have taken one ten minutes to get to a given place, it would take him half an hour now; where one could live alone in a decent and healthy home before, he has now to share a crowded and high-renting, poorly-roofed shack; where unemployment was not a problem then, it is the rule now rather than the exception."

Yet despite these handicaps chess thrives in the Philippines and on December 1, 1946 at Manila began the first National Chess Championship Tournament of the Republic of the Philippines. Seventeen players (some from far-away provinces) participated. The title was won by Horacio P. Tagle of the Manila Chess Club which acted as sponsor of the tournament. Finals results were:

1. H. P. Tagle	14½-1½
2. V. T. Barcenilla	12½-3½
3. A. Navarro	12½-3½
4. S. Palaez	12½-3½
5. C. Benitez	12-4

Prizes for this first national tournament were donated by Benedicto Padilla, honorary president of the Manila Chess Club, who provided first prize; Julio Victor Rocha, local architect, who presented a permanent trophy to be inscribed with the names of the annual victors; J. Zabaljauregui who donated a gold medal for second; and the Manila Chess Club which gave a silver medal for third. Attorney Horace S. King (California State Chess Ass'n member) of the U. S. War Crimes Court at Manila donated a prize for the most brilliant game of the tournament.

Previously, in February of 1946 an All-Comers Chess Tournament with four Americans participating was a decided success in arousing interest in chess. Dr. Antonio Arce, former national champion, won first place and received custody of the trophy donated by Justice Delfin Jaranilla of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East. The second annual All-Comers Tournament will be held this month.

In April and June, the Manila Chess Club held its own annual club championship; and Ramon L. Lopez won the title.

CHESS LIFE IS "CHESSOGENIC" SAYS U. S. SMITH

Writing in his two chess columns—"Play Chess" in the *White Bear Press* and "Chess Chatter" in the *Stillwater Post-Messenger*—U. S. Smith of Willernie, Minn., insists that CHESS LIFE is "chessogenic." Trusting that there is the same element of flattery in this term as in "photogenic," CHESS LIFE wishes to thank Mr. Smith for these kind words.

CENTRO-AMERICAN FIDE CONGRESS AT BARRANQUILLA

During the course of the Caribbean Team Matches at Barranquilla, Colombia, December 12 to 22, the first Congress of the Centro-American and Caribbean Zone of FIDE met at the Alhambra Club under the presidency of Jose Victor Regueiro (Cuba), FIDE Delegate, with Dr. Alonso Hernandez Barreto (Colombia) acting as secretary and Dr. Rogelio Lamarche Soto (Dominican Republic) serving as treasurer. Other delegates to the Congress were Luis E. Marquez and Luis Carlos Torrenegra (Colombia), Jorge Bou Morales and Angel Alvarez Costales (Cuba), Hector Vissepé Mendez (Puerto Rico), and Hector Estevez, Jr. (Venezuela).

The Congress approved the proposal of Delegate Regueiro that individual championship for men, women and juniors be put in contest every two years in the Caribbean zone with the first tournament in 1947. It was also agreed to register the resolution that chess should be included in the Olympic games and to request the Cuban Government to issue a series of postage stamps bearing the face of the late Jose Capablanca.

HOROWITZ STAYS MUCH TOO GOOD AT SIMULTNEOUS

In the biggest simultaneous exhibition ever held in West Virginia, I. A. Horowitz met thirty-nine opponents at the Catholic High School cafeteria under the joint sponsorship of the Charleston and Caribde Chess Clubs in Charleston, W. Va. Horowitz won thirty-six games, lost to State Champion Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington and drawing with Edward Foy and Former State Champion John Hurt, both of Charleston.

Next reported at Louisville, Ky., Horowitz led thirty-four unsuspicious chess players to the slaughter, including State Champion Jack Moyse. Only two players escaped with draws from the general massacre. These were former State Champion Richard W. Shields and Neil Zimmerman.



TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND PLAYERS
IN FILIPINO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Seated, left to right, the members of the Tournament Committee of the Manila Chess Club which sponsored the National Championship Tournament: B. Simbulan; M. Gerardo; J. Lontoc; R. H. Lopez (Manila Chess Champion); H. P. Tagle (National Chess Champion of the Philippines); Dr. A. Arce (former National Champion).



THE CUBAN TEAM—CHAMPIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN
Seated, left to right: Jose Paz (Board 3), Havana's Champion; Jorge Bou Morales (Board 1), Cuban Team Captain and delegate to FIDE; Francisco Planas (Board 2), victor at Yankton, 1946.

Standing: Miguel Aleman (Board 1), Champion of Cuba; Angel Alvarez Costales (Substitute), Havana's High School Champion; Jose Victor Regueiro, FIDE Delegate in Central America and the Caribbean.

ILL. STATE CHAMP. PAUL POSCHEL LEADS AT AUSTIN

State Champion Paul Poschel swept through the preliminaries of the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago, Ill.) Annual Championship Tournament without loss of a game. Although seeded in the finals as defending Club Champion, Poschel participated in the preliminaries "just to keep in shape." Twenty-five wins and two draws indicate that he was successful. L. G. Harrison, former president of the club and USCF director from Illinois was a close second.

The Austin Club has established a special program committee with John Nowak as chairman and among the members State Champion Poschel and Paul Adams, secretary of the city chess league. This committee is now planning a stimulating program for the coming spring and summer months.

GEO. KOLTANOWSKI SHOWS NO HEART AT HART HOUSE

January 14 will be remembered in Toronto, Canada, for the heartless skill of blindfold expert, George Koltanowski, who played a simultaneous exhibition of thirty-five boards at Hart House, winning twenty-five games, losing two and drawing eight. D. Fox and D. Gillies were the two winners, while draws were obtained by C. T. Morrison, F. H. Armstrong, D. C. Marshall, J. Atkinson, T. F. Morris, F. Pataky, J. Mann and L. Moser.

After the exhibition Koltanowski entertained his opponents with his famous feat of memory in calling off the Knight's tour of the chess board blindfolded. This is a trick that few chess players can accomplish even with the aid of their eyesight. Professor W. P. Wallace and B. Freedman, CCCA secretary, supervised the event.

PICCADILLY vs. MINNEAPOLIS FEUD CONTINUES

On February 3rd the ancient and friendly feud between the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club and the Piccadilly Chess Club of Willernie (Minn.) entered a new phase when representatives of the two clubs met on the program "Quiz of the Twin Cities" on Station WCCO. Piccadilly was represented by Arthur Cheasick, V. G. Lowe, Jr., Douglas Swansick, and Donald Maher. It is not known whether the Piccadilly group awed the opposition by wearing their new beige sport-shirts upon which "Piccadilly" is embroidered in red with "Chess Club" beneath in black, encircling a crown, the whole design being encircled within an oval and placed on the left hand pocket. Credit for this idea of uniform shirts, novel in chess circles, belongs to Arthur Cheasick, sponsor of the Piccadilly Chess Club, who outfitted the members.

MERCANTILE HAS PHILA LEAGUE'S TITLE CINCHED

With one round left for playing, the Mercantile Library Chess Club has the team title of the Philadelphia Chess League in a firm grip, for even a loss to the retiring champion Franklin Chess Club in the final round cannot snatch the title from the Mercantile team. Standings in the semi-final round are:

	Matches	Games
Mercantile Library	5-0	23-7
Abington YMCA	4½-1½	21-15
Franklin Chess Club	3-2	17½-12½
Germantown White	2-3	15½-14½
North City Chess Club	2-3	13-17
Germantown Red	1½-3½	12½-17½
Rheem Mfg. Co.	0-5	2½-27½

CHARLESTON (W. Va.) HAS ACTIVE JR. CHESS GROUPS

Ed. Holt (son of the WVCA Sec'y-Treas.) has reorganized the Charleston (W. Va.) High School Chess Club which was dormant during the war years. Ed. Holt was elected president with Ray Johnson as vice-president and Larry Kinnaion as secretary.

Further junior chess activity is promised in Charleston with plans for a junior chess championship tournament, open only to high and junior high school students.

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WILLARD H. MUTCHELER

ON January 7th, 1947, Willard Hammond Mutchler succumbed to a heart affliction which had in recent years deprived the Washington chess world of his active leadership. News of his passing came to CHESS LIFE too late to gain more than a note in the issue of January 20th, but it is only fitting that an acknowledgement of his contributions to chess be made, even at this late date.

Born October 5, 1903 in Easton, Pennsylvania, Mutchler became interested in chess at the age of fourteen. The interest continued through his years at George Washington University and became one of the major diversions of his life.

Officially Mutchler was a metallurgist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. and his specialty since 1921 was research on the corrosion of metals used in aircraft. He was the author of many papers upon this subject and contributed valuable research during World War II.

In chess Mutchler was associated for more than twenty-five years with almost every chess activity in the District of Columbia and since 1923 was chess editor of the *Washington Post*. Among his outstanding endeavors was a tournament conducted in 1941 in which one hundred players competed for a \$250 carved ivory chess set—an event sponsored by the *Washington Post* and publicized throughout the country.

As a player before his heart ailment caused him to retire from too active participation in chess, he was top man on the ladder of the Capitol City Chess Club for five years. He was also a collector of chess books and magazines, and his collection included photostatic or originals of practically every chess article published in Washington newspapers since 1821.

Willard Mutchler leaves behind a wife and an eight-year-old daughter, Mary Kennedy Mutchler. To these is extended the heartfelt sympathy of chess players everywhere.

THAT INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

CHANCE and not intention gives that international flavor to the front page of this issue of CHESS LIFE. It is not our intention at this time to devote the limited space of CHESS LIFE to a record of foreign chess events, since the United States has chess magazines equipped to render chess players this service. But the editor cannot feel that news from Cuba or from the Philippines is ever foreign or alien.

Since Morphy made his first trip to Havana for a chess exhibition there has always been a constant interchange of chess visitors with Cuba. Senors Aleman and Planas of Cuba have both been very recent visitors to our shores. And the memory of Bataan where Filipino and American fought side by side forbids us ever to think of these islands as alien.

Guest Editorial

"UNITED" IS A MAGIC WORD

By S. J. Alexander

Organizer of Manhattan (Montana) Chess Club

AS subscribers of CHESS LIFE we have indicated our interest in the chess life of America. We want it to grow, we want it to reach for maturity in our time and attain rank in this country comparable to anything the rest of the world has to offer. Americans do not like the idea of supremacy in chess that is apparently becoming an Old World habit. We hope it is not going to take generations of chess players here to develop some Atomic Timber Pushers.

"UNITED" is a magic word. When we put it to work, the results astonish and stun the imagination. We no longer hear "it can't be done." In these United States we have a United Nations at work, and the prayers of the world are "How soon?". All of us can whip up the old chess fable into new life, by placing a membership in the USCF, and thereby do our part, however small, in placing the world-wide war-like attitude upon the chess tables. We are told that was the original idea of chess. The Olympic Games and our 'round-the-world service clubs are groping along the same lines. To the extent that we unite, to that extent we can hope.

Quality is what we are seeking in American chess. Then quantity is what we must have—a united quantity. There is no doubt in my mind, nor in yours, but that Russian quality is the result of the enormous quantity from which they draw. And they are united. They play chess like we play baseball. Our enrollment of new members in Febru-

ary is of top importance—in February and all the rest of the year. It is my thought that every member can exert himself, put forth an earnest effort to "make" another chess player in 1947. See that enrollment in the USCF follows closely after.

If opportunity presents, try for the organization of a chess club in adjacent territory, offer your services to start it and keep it going. Try for a start in grade and high schools, in lodges and civic groups. There is nothing to lose and a great deal of personal satisfaction to gain.

Gold is where you find it; some picked their nuggets from a creek bed—others dug deep for their bonanza. We can do our prospecting close by, and most of us like to hunt for treasure. Share the game with some person who doesn't know that a "checker board" is really a CHESS BOARD, inherited through the ages. If you cannot do any actual prospecting in the chess field, you can send a dollar and grub-stake the effort—today's learner may be a budding Marshall!

Something to try for in 1947: To how many players can you be a "Chess-father"? Can you arrange for your club to sponsor another club? How many 1947 members will your efforts bring in? This is a dollars and "sense" proposition we can mull over, and obtain the desired results, each in his own way. There is no easy way to attain these objectives. A little of our time, a little of our effort and a little of our money will pave the way to a United Strategic Chess Front.

[The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.]

NATIONAL CHESS MONTH MEANS "BOOST AMERICAN CHESS"

(Monthly Letter No. 38)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, The United States Chess Federation

WE have proclaimed February as National Chess Month, and exhortations are everywhere being voiced to boost American Chess during this month as never before. To hear these voices from every part of the country is at the same time an encouragement and an incentive to greater effort.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

has already been announced by William M. Byland of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the Council. This group is representative of the finest chess leadership that America can put forth, and with the energetic Byland (who amazingly continues to find time to win chess tournaments among his other responsibilities) for their chief the organization to spark the membership drive could not be better staffed. A military force consisting only of officers, however, no matter how well trained or highly versed in strategy and tactics, would be totally impotent. Good, sturdy men in the ranks are needed to execute even the most brilliantly planned maneuvers. By the same token, the National Chess Council can accomplish their objectives only if they are supported by the rank and file of the general membership.

The program of the Federation may be regarded as reasonably complete at the present time, although additional activities which may be of benefit to the chess players of the United States will always be given the full backing of the Federation. The schedule of activities already planned can be carried out most effectively with a substantially increased membership.

A splendid national Junior Championship Tournament is being planned for this summer by the Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association, and announcement concerning this event will shortly appear. The Corpus Christi Chess Club and the Texas Chess Association are vowing that the 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship to which they will be hosts next August will outshine anything which has ever gone before. Plans for a nationally organized program of chess for women are also in the making. As well as many others. The force which these plans can attain will be in direct proportion to the charge which is put behind them in terms of Federation membership.

Support the National Chess Council! Boost American Chess! Join the United States Chess Federation!

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Would it not be interesting if the visit of the Russian chess team to the U. S. could be enlarged to include visits by the individual members to various cities in this country for simultaneous exhibitions? This may be impossible as first it would require approval by our own government and then the permission of the Russian government. The language difficulty could be met by locating an interpreter in each city. I am sure that Kansas City players would turn out well for such an exhibition by any one of their team.

R. B. HOUSTON
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I enjoy your chess newspaper very much. I eagerly await each issue.

I believe it would meet with the readers' approval if you published some games in your paper that are not readily available to the average chess enthusiast. Most of your readers subscribe to some chess magazine and these tournament games are published and analysed by them. This is just a thought and

not a complaint, however, as different analyses of games helps one to understand the masters' technique better.

D. J. GRAY
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

The enclosed clipping ("Youngster Chess Menace to Elder at Minneapolis" Ed.) which appears in the December 20th issue of CHESS LIFE is evidently taken from the November 15th issue of "The Pawnshop."

I originated the "Pawnshop" several years ago as a one-sheet letter to boost the club membership and "to make for interest" in the club and it has fulfilled its mission in a fine manner.

May I also compliment you on the excellent job that you are doing as Editor of CHESS LIFE. It is newsy and presents same in an interesting manner. Don't stop until EVERY chess player in the U. S. is a subscriber.

CHARLES M. HARDINGE
Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Who's Who In American Chess

S. J. Alexander

Steve Alexander was born in Lafayette, Indiana, on March 26th, 1890, and lived there for his first seventeen years, which were barren of any interest in chess. In 1905 Steve started on his career of railroading, and for the last seventeen years has lived in Manhattan, Montana, as a railroad agent and unofficial promoter of a wider interest in chess.

It was in 1919 that Steve tried fishing for speckled mountain trout and while doing so learned his first chess from a sheepherder. He confesses that both trout and sheepherder were too much to handle in that first experience. It took him ten years of trying to find out that he would never be a fisherman, but he is still optimistic about the chess.

Since Montana was not a populous state and the percentage of chess players to total population is always small, Steve started his chess under a handicap. But he remained undaunted and has always had his chess by the simple process of teaching friends and neighbors how to play the game. Seven years ago he organized the Manhattan Chess Club with three chess players and fifteen beginners as charter members. If has held to a consistent level of twenty to twenty-five members ever since. This would be a good record in any town, in Manhattan with a population under seven hundred it is truly remarkable. Steve Alexander feels that Robert Ripley has overlooked them, and CHESS LIFE concurs in that opinion.

J. van Teylingen

Architect by profession and chess-player by avocation, J. van Teylingen is the present Champion of the State of Montana. Born in Rotterdam, Holland on November 19, 1891, van Teylingen has made his home at Great Falls, Montana. He completed his architectural studies in Holland, where he learned his first chess at the age of fourteen, and came to America in 1913.

As a chess player Van early acquired the knack of blindfold chess in a rather unusual way. As a boy in Holland he was a strict church attendant by family compulsion, and Van and his chess-playing friends found the long-winded sermons a little too strenuous. To break the monotony of the two-hour sermons they tried their hand at playing chess without men or board. The results were surprising and in no time they were able to play through an entire game.

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Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

Dear Editor:

Some of our Junior players do not take the time to look up the meanings and origins of words used in the game of Chess; I offer a few of such words:

Some words used in the game of Chess; their meaning and origin:

Check: The Standard Dictionary gives the meaning: A sudden stop; a repulse; a hindrance, etc.; but does not convey the meaning as we use the word. Check is derived from the Persian word Shah (a king), hence the meaning "Mind the King, the King is in danger." It is also derived from the old French word eschec. As the International Chess Federation was organized in Paris, France on July 20, 1924 and as the deliberations of this Federation are conducted in French (nearly all of the delegates know French as well as their own language) the official title of that Federation is Federation Internationale des Echecs.

Chess: Also derived from the Persian word Shah.

Checkmate: Is derived from the Arabic "Alshah mat" (The King is dead).

Rook: Derived from the Persian word Rokh, a soldier or warrior, and because of its shape also called a Castle.

Pawn: Derived from the old French "Paon," a foot soldier; also the Spanish "Peon," originally "one who travels on foot."

I must not take up more space; more in my next. I am indebted for most of the above to Frank Colby, Editor of "Take my word for it."

Maurice S. Kuhns
President Emeritus, USCF
Vice-President, FIDE

ALL SCHOLASTIC CHESS PROMOTED BY BOARD OF ED.

In Cleveland (Ohio) where the value of chess for juniors has long been appreciated the Physical Education Department of the Cleveland School Board through Supervisor Floyd Rowe is preparing to promote the playing of chess in the schools of the Cleveland area. Notices have been sent to eighty-six schools in Cuyahoga County to send representatives to a meeting organized to formulate a comprehensive chess educational program. The Cleveland Chess Association participates in this program through the activity of its director of junior chess, M. L. Warren of the South Euclid Chess Club.

Another phase of the junior chess program in Cleveland is the weekly meetings of juniors in the Cleveland Public Library where on January 11th John Hoy, Ohio State Champion, found going tough in a simultaneous exhibition and was forced to concede six wins and three draws to the juniors. Winners were: William Granger (Glenville High), Rainier Sachs (Roxboro Jr. High), Alfred Robotto (West Tech.), Norman Saunders (Cathedral Latin), Richard Christopher (Cathedral Latin) and Jim Harkins (Shaker Heights). Draws went to Bernard Berkman (Grenville), Fred Bartell (Lincoln), and Donald Latnik (Fairfax Elementary).

GERMANTOWN (PA) BESTS LANCASTER, WEST CHESTER

Visiting the Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster, Pa.) on December 28, the Germantown YMCA Chess Club inflicted a 7½-3½ defeat in revenge for an earlier besting by the Lancaster-Reading chess combination. With Junior Champion Saul Wachs at first board the lineup and results were:

Germantown	Red Roses
S. Wachs	1
W. Hall	0
W. L. Arkless	0
J. Kelly	1
W. Generous	1
A. Neff	1
H. Morris	1
J. Whitcomb	1
H. Jesser	0
A. Schreiber	0
Germantown	7½
Red Roses	5½

Then on January 7 the victorious Germantown team toured to West Chester (Pa.) where a resolute team of the Brandywine Chess Club held the visitors to a draw match.

Brandywine Chess	Germantown YMCA
Chamberlain	1
Arnold	0
S. Skink	1
Raiford	½
Harris	0
Hughes	1
Watson	0
Brandywine	3½
Germantown	3½

CHESS PLAYERS SCORN THE FURY OF THE ELEMENTS

Cold winds, sleet and snow failed to dampen the ardor of chess fans on New Year's Day at Germantown (Pa.) when they turned out en masse for the annual simultaneous exhibition by I. A. Horowitz. The elements also failed to daunt the New York master, for he scored a choice twenty-nine wins against thirty-four players from an assortment of clubs and conceded only two draws and three losses.

Winning from the expert were Charles C. French and Albert Neff of the Germantown YMCA Chess Club, which was host for the occasion, and Ernest Heckroth of Mercantile Library Chess Club (Philadelphia). Pennsylvania Junior Champion Saul Wachs and Walter Hall, both of Germantown YMCA, held the master to a draw. Among the assorted clubs represented in the opposition to Horowitz were: Philadelphia Rifle Club, Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster), Franklin Chess Club (Philadelphia), University of Pennsylvania, Wynnefield Chess Club, Rheem Chess Club (Philadelphia), Highland Gardens Chess Club, and Wagner Junior High.

ACTIVITY ALWAYS AT MINNEAPOLIS CHESS & CHECKER

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Present membership numbers about eighty and the club is open from noon to midnight. Average evening attendance is thirty-five except when any special events draw a fuller membership. Principal item for encouraging attendance is the semi-monthly bulletin "The Pawnshop" edited by Charles M. Hardinge. Officers of the club are George S. Barnes, president; L. P. Narveson, vice-president; Robert R. Guedyan, secretary; and Charles M. Hardinge, treasurer. Orim M. Oulman, organizer of the club in its present form, retired as president in 1945 after serving since 1939 in that capacity.



"CHESS DIVAN" OF ST. PETERSBURG CLUB IS UNIQUE

As far back as 1917 chess players were meeting in Williams Park, St. Petersburg (Fla.), bringing their own boards and men. Through the efforts of A. H. Gerwig in 1931 the city government made available the building which now houses the St. Petersburg Chess Club, and which is the largest building in the south exclusively devoted to the game of chess—possibly the largest so devoted in the United States.

With the acquisition of quarters the club was formally organized and the members united to decorate and furnish the club. To Mrs. Grace J. M. Cook the club is indebted for much of its furnishings and Mrs. Cook, who has been commuting between her home and St. Petersburg for more than forty consecutive seasons, ranks among the earliest and most loyal members of the club.

Present membership in the club is approximately two hundred and fifty, and the report of the annual meeting in 1945 indicated the definite cosmopolitan flavor of the club for nineteen states were represented in the membership and ten foreign countries.

Club president is H. W. Kendall (St. Petersburg), Captain Arthur Hass (St. Petersburg) is vice-president, and J. S. Gaylord (East Long Meadows, Mass.) is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Agnes B. Ferguson has charge of publicity for the club and John Percy serves as tournament director. The weekly battle between the Yankee-Dodger teams of the club provide from ten to eighteen tables of chess every Monday evening, and an almost weekly match with the neighboring Tampa Chess Club keeps the members of both organizations alert.

MARYLAND CHESS BESTS BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC

In a recent match a team from the Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) defeated the chess team of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute by the score of 3-2. Polytechnic players were John Hall (captain), Donald Wor, George Kohlhepp, Laughtenberger and Wenter.

Afterwards George Lapoint, secretary of the Maryland club, gave a simultaneous against the Polytechnic players while Charles Barasch (Maryland Club) blindfolded bested John Hall, the Polytechnic president.

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The club has just finished a grueling elimination tournament of forty-six rounds of play in which the following placed as top men:

A. Bramson (Paterson)	4½
Peter Diwan (Paterson)	4½
José LaRosa (Paterson)	4½
John F. Fless (Paterson)	4½
V. Van Ostendorp (Hawthorne)	3½
Robert Kohlhoff (E. Paterson)	3½
William K. Simon (Fair Lawn)	3½
Carlisle Saxton (Paterson)	3½

Of these players Mr. Jacob Fless is a veteran of eighty-four years while among the players that did not place was a mere youngster of eighty-two, Robert Montgomery, who deserves special mention for his feat of not missing a single session although it required a twenty-mile bus ride each way to participate in the tournament.

UNIV. OF PENN. CHESS CLUB WINS FROM PENN. STATE

The University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) Chess Club won a victory on January 11th in a six-man team match against the Pennsylvania State College Chess Club by a score of 4½-1½. The lineup was as follows:

Univ. of Penn.	Penn. State
Panoff	½
Greenway	½
Neerenberg	0
Seltzer	1
Granity	1
Siegfried	1
Univ. of Penn....	4½
Penn. State	1½

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MARSHALL CHESS (DETROIT) WINS TRIANGULAR MEET

Sunday, January 26, saw the Marshall Chess Club of Detroit join the Checkmate Club (Cleveland) in a trek to meet the Toledo Chess Club in a three-way match at the Toledo Club's quarters in the Academy of Medicine Building, Toledo.

Victor of the triangular tourney was the Marshall Club with ten wins, two draws and seven losses. The Checkmate Club was second with nine wins, one draw and ten losses, while Toledo (playing the perfect host) was third with eight wins, one draw and ten losses.

Detroit	Cleveland
Pilawski	0
O'Keefe	½
Thomas	1
Smith	0
Roberts	0
Black	0
Wright	0
Treend	1
Pratt	1
Marshall	6½
Detroit	Toledo
Pilawski	½
O'Keefe	½
Thomas	0
Smith	1
Roberts	1
Black	1
Wright	1
Treend	1
Pratt	0
Marshall	4½
Cleveland	Toledo
Bielecki	1
Kramer	0
Haben	1
Johnson	0
Chavadya	1
Meller	1
Seith	1
Cortman	0
Keeney	0
Lepkowski	0
Checkmate	6
Toledo	4½

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

1946 Philippine National Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich Marchand

White Black
 H. P. TAGE P-QB4 2. P-QK1
 A refreshing departure from the usual procedure against the Sicilian. By playing the Sicilian in the first place Black tried to turn the game into his own chosen direction. Now White has more or less turned the tables on him.

2. K1-K4 P-QB4 3. P-K2
 This is probably the best since it yields control of Q4 to White in case the latter wants it.

In my mind a better system of defense would be to go back to move two and try 2. Kt-B3; 3. P-K3, Kt-Q4; or if 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4; 4. P-K5, P-Q5!

4. Kt-B4 to make P-Q4 by Black as difficult as possible would be a good alternative. Then an early Kt-K2 would avoid an embarrassing pin.

4. P-Q3 7. O-O 0-0
 5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 8. P-Q3 P-KR3
 6. P-QB4 Kt-Q2

7. Kt-Q5 would keep a strong grip on the center. The text, however, offers good chances too because of White's rapid and powerful development.

9. P-Q4 12. B-KB3 Q-K3
 10. KtxP KtxKt 13. R-K1 B-Q3
 11. QxP

A mistake which loses a Pawn. Correct was 13. P-B3; 14. BxKt, QxP; 15. P-B4, P-QK4; 16. Kt-Q2, P-B5; 17. KtPxP (if 17. BxP, P-B6), B-B4 ch.; 18. K-R1, KPxP.

14. BxKt P-B8 18. KtxP Q-B3
 15. P-KB4 P-B3 19. R-KB1 QxR ch.
 16. Kt-B4 B-B2 20. QxQ RxQ ch.

17. PxP 21. RxR B-K3
 Here Black neglects an excellent resource, 21. BxKt; 22. DxR, B-Q2 to be sure would still lose another Pawn after 23. QxP but the ending with opposite colored Bishops would be very troublesome for White to win.

After 21., B-K3
 Lopez

Tagle

22. KtxP K-R2 24. R-K7 Resigns.
 23. R-K1 B-Q4

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE

1946 Southwestern Open Tournament—Houston, Texas

Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black
 J. C. THOMPSON Kt-B3 3. P-QB4 Kt-QB3
 L. P-Q4 Kt-B3 4. Kt-QB3 B-K5
 E. P-QB4 P-K3 4. Q-KT3

4. Q-B3 is considered stronger, but the text is perfectly good. The only objection to it is that it tends to fix the position too quickly.

4. Kt-B3 P-B4 5. P-QB4 6. P-K4
 7. P-QB4 8. O-O 9. B-K5

This attack is to help implement 5. P-K4 by releasing the QKt from its duty of protecting the B. After 8. O-O BxR; 9. PxR the complications are numerous, but they all seem to turn out in White's favor.

9. Kt-B3 This aims at preventing 10. P-K4 and thereby cramping Black's game, but it would have given Black an even game if he had played correctly.

9. Kt-B3 11. P-B4 P-Q5
 10. PxKt Kt-K5

Black neglects his opportunities. 11. P-B4 followed by Q-R5 is stronger.

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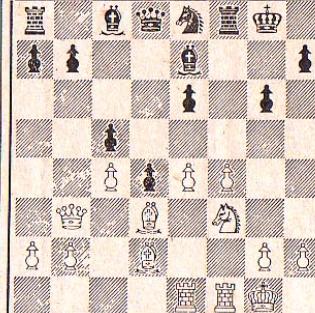
12. Kt-K4 P-QB4

This is not good. White's chances in a blocked position will be better than Black's due to his control of greater space on the K-side. The White Pawns (K4, K5, KB4) will hamper Black in arranging an adequate defense. Possibly 12., Q-R5 or B-B4 was still better, but Black's game is already difficult. 12., PxP (or 12., KtxP; 13. BxKt, PxR; 14. QR-K1), is answered by 13. Kt-K5 P-KKt3 16. PxP e.p. KtxBP 14. Kt-B3 B-K2 17. B-Q2 R-B1 18. Kt-B3 P-B4 19. R-K1 Kt-K1

Black is getting set for what is to be a hopeless siege. Notice that every one of White's pieces is aimed at the Black K-side.

After 18., Kt-K1

Stapp



Thompson

19. Q-Q1 Kt-K2 20. Kt-K5 B-Q2

20. B-Q3, attacking the Kt is more vigorous.

21. Q-K4 B-Q3 24. R(I)-KB1

22. KtxB QxKt

23. R-B3 R-B2 25. R-R3 P-K4

Fatal, since it pins the position to White's advantage. It is difficult to suggest a good move, however. (J. C. Thompson).

26. B-P5 PxP 28. RxP ch!

27. PxP Kt-K1

A neat finish: Black could have resigned immediately without any qualms.

28. KxR 31. Q-R7 ch. K-B2

29. BxR BxR ch.

30. Q-Kt6 If 30. Kt-B3, 32. Q-Kt6 ch., K-K2; 34.

33. Q-Kt6 ch. Resigns

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Women's Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

MISS N. MAY KAREFF MRS. MARY BAIN

1. Kt-K4 P-K3 4. P-QB3 K1-QB3

2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. K-QKt4

3. P-K5 P-QB4

An unusual move but not bad in several variations of the French Defense. The weakness here created (5., P-KR4) actually proves the cause for a further weakening (25., P-Kt3) which is chiefly responsible for the loss of the game.

5. P-R4 12. 0-0 P-QR3

6. Q-Q1 PxP 13. P-QR3 BxKt

7. BxKt ch. B-K5 14. PxP Kt-K2

8. Kt-B3 Q-R4 15. Q-B2 B-Kt4

9. Q-Q3 Kkt-K2 16. BxP KtxB

10. B-K2 Kt-B4 17. B-Q2 Q-B2

11. Kt-K3 B-Q2

Up to this point Black has played well. Here

17. R-Q1 would keep up the pressure.

Then if 18. P-B4, Q-Q1 and White will lose

a Pawn.

18. P-QR4 Kt-B2 22. Kt-K1

20. KR-B1 P-QKt4

The right idea; the Knight will have the

pleasant choice between B4 and B5.

22. Kt-K2 26. B-B6 Kt(R2)-B3

23. Kt-Q3 Kt(K2)-B3 27. (R-B) Kt-QR-Kt1

24. B-Kt5 Kt-R4 28. Q-B1 KtxP

25. Kt-B4 P-Kt3

Black is desperate. White plans to penetrate

the King's position and the text is about the

only way to stop it.

impossible.

5. Kt-B3 P-Q4 7. B-Q3 R-K1

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29. RxKt KR-B1 32. Kt-K2 KtxKt ch.

30. R-QP QxP 33. RxKt P-Kt5

31. QxQ RxQ

All is not yet over. Black's two passed Pawns could give trouble. White, however, counters correctly with the approach of the King.

34. K-B1 P-Kt6 40. R-QB1 R(4)-B4

35. R(K2)-Kt2 P-Q5 41. R(I)-QKt1 R-Kt4

36. K-K1 R-Kt4 42. BxP RxP

37. K-Q2 P-Kt4 43. B-B6 R-Q4

38. R-QB1 R(4)-B4 44. RxP Resigns

A hard fought and well-played game.

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BUDAPEST DEFENSE

1946 Pennsylvania State Championship—Reading, Pa.

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black

H. MORRIS R. P. SMITH

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-K4 4. B-B4

Lasker once said that on general principles the Knights should be developed before the Bishops. Best is 4. P-K4.

5. P-KKt4 Good psychology! By his choice of the Q-Pawn opening White has indicated that he wants to play a quiet, positional game. So, Black wants the opposite. By the way, had White played 4. Kt-KB3 the move P-KKt4 would be impossible.

5. K-B1 Kt-QB3 9. KtxKt KtxKt ch.

6. Kt-KB3 B-Kt2 10. P-B5 P-QR3?

7. Q-Q2 8. K-Q2

8. Kt-QB3 Kt(K4)xP

Waste of time; 10., P-QB3 was necessary, possibly in connection with P-QKt8. And if White after 10., P-QB3 should answer Q-Q6, then Kt-B3 would not be bad for Black.

11. P-K3 K-Q3 17. R-R5 Kt-B2

12. O-O 18. OxQ PxQ

13. P-KR4! P-Kt5 19. B-QB4 BxKt

14. P-QB3 P-B2 20. PxP Kt-B2

15. Q-Q6 P-B4 21. P-K4

16. R-P6 B-R1

White finds always the best move and winds up the game in splendid fashion.

17. PxP 22. R-Q4 Kt-R1

He has to make such ugly moves, it must look bad for the defender.

23. RxP Kt-K1 24. RxKtP

Now White threatens RxKt ch. with P-R7 ch. and P-R8 ch.

24. P-Kt4 R-K4 28. P-B5 Kt-K2

25. B-K5 B-Q2 29. PxPch BxP

26. P-B4 K-B2 30. R-Kt7 ch. Resigns

27. B-06 R(2)-K1

If 30., Kt-B3, White mates at once with

31. B-K5; if 30., Kt-B2, White mates in

two with 31. B-R5 ch., BxR; 32. R-Kt8 mate.

White took full advantage of Black's backward development. This game was awarded the prize for the best played game in the tournament.

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QUEEN PAWN GAME

1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Albert C. Margolis

White Black

W. SHIPMAN S. WEINSTEIN

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1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. Kt-B3 P-K4

2. P-QB4 P-Q3 8. P-QK3 R-K1

3. Kt-KB3 QKt-Q2 9. P-K4 PxP

4. P-KKt3 P-Kt5 10. KtxP Kt-B4

5. Kt-B2 B-Q2 11. R-K1

6. O-O 0-0

11. P-B3 is necessary to hold the position. The text allows Black too much play.

11. P-QR4 17. P-KR3 KtxKt

12. P-QK4 P-R6 18. QxKt(B2) Kt-K4

13. B-K2 P-R5 19. Kt-Q5 B-K3

14. B-QB1 Kt-K3 20. Q-R1 P-QB3

15. Kt-B2 Kt-K5 21. Kt-K3 P-QK4

16. B-Q2 Kt-Q5

Very strong.

that the position. If 13. P-Kt4 then Kt1 followed by Kt(B3)-Kt1 if the Kt is tapped by the KtP. White's exposed King position would then offer Black considerable counter-chances.

13. Q-K1 QR-Q1 14. P-K4 P-KR3

Now Black has no time and is forced to disrupt his King-side which White so ably blasts to pieces.

15. K-R1 B-B1 22. P-K5 Kt-K1

16. R-K1 P-KKt4 23. BxP RxP

17. Q-Q2 R-R5 24. BxPch R-Kt1

18. Kt-R1 25. QxPch R-Kt1

19. Kt-K3 R-R5 26. R-Kt2 R-Kt1

20. B-B5 K-B3 27. Kt-K5 R-Kt1

21. P-K4 K-B1 28. RxPch K-R1

After 28., K-R1 Steiner

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black

H. STEINER

(Columbia)

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-K3 B-Q3

3. Kt-B3 B-K5 4. Kt-K2 P-B4

4. P-K4 P-QR3

Black has achieved approximately even game—always his first goal in any opening.

10. R-Q1 P-QP 11. BxP BxP

12. Kt-B5 B-R3 13. QxPch

14. BxPch BxPch

15. R-Q5 Kt-K1 22. QxQ RxQ

16. BxP KtxB 23. R-Q1 QR-Q5

17. Kt-K5 KtxKt 24. P-B4 Kt-K2

18. PxKt Kt-Q2 25. RxPch RxR

19. Q-K2 Kt-K3 26. R-Q1 RxR ch.

20. R-K1 Kt-K1 27. KtxR Drawn

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

R. FINE P. KERES

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2. P-K3 B-K5

3. P-QB4 P-QB1 24. BxPch

4. Kt-B3 B-K5 25. BxPch

5. P-QR3 P-QR3

Black even has a slight advantage due to the isolated White QP. White is therefore happy to permit further simplification in order to eliminate this weakness.

15. Q-R6 Kt-K4 22. QxQ RxQ

16. BxP KtxB 23. R-Q1 QR-Q5

17. Kt-K5 KtxKt 24. P-B4 Kt-K2

18. PxKt Kt-Q2 25. RxPch RxR

19. Q-K2 Kt-K3 26. R-Q1 RxR ch.

20. R-K1 Kt-K1 27. KtxR Drawn

Notes by Albert C. Margolis

White Black

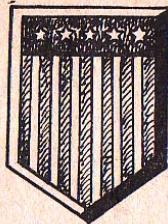
W. SHIPMAN S. WEINSTEIN

(Columbia) (NYU-Wash. Sq.)

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4. Kt-B3 B-K5 25. BxPch



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"Boost American Chess" Today!

ST. LOUIS VOTES NATIONAL FUND 10% OF PRIZES

At the annual meeting of the St. Louis Chess League it was moved by Otto Ehlers, seconded by George Henderson and Robert Steinmeyer, that "the St. Louis Chess League withhold 10% from all prize monies in tournaments which it conducts, and urge member clubs to do likewise; said funds to be forwarded to the USCF for the promotion of Area, Junior, Collegiate as well as Master Tournaments."

According to Frederic S. Anderson, president of the St. Louis Chess League, the members were attracted by a suggestion of the late Dr. Em. Lasker to this effect. "The sentiment of our players," writes Mr. Anderson, "is that they are willing so to tax themselves, with the hope that other leagues and clubs will similarly do so. We wish, however, not only to sponsor contests between creative masters, but also, those other activities which the USCF has so well under way; namely, Junior, Area, and Collegiate Tournaments. As our general club funds here are small we decided to make the deductions from the Prize monies in our local Club and City Championship Tournaments. It is our hope that many other groups of players will also contribute in this way toward the creation of a fund which will enable our national officers to expand the scope of their excellent program."

HIGH POINT IS NOVEL LECTURE OF WEAVER ADAMS

Weaver W. Adams, touring chess expert, is a firm believer in the methods of "visual education." Therefore his lecture becomes a demonstration in which he plays white simultaneously against two opponents and makes a running commentary and analysis of white's moves as he plays, explaining why he makes this move and why he rejects that one. Adams has found that this method combines the instructive and entertaining in a novel and attractive way, and has proved its value many times as visual education in chess.

TOURNAMENT FOR NO. NEW JERSEY CHESS CHAMPION

Beginning February 4 through February 28, the New Jersey State Chess Association is conducting a tournament for the North New Jersey Championship. Winner will compete in the final State Tournament to be held over Labor Day week-end. Play is on Tuesday evenings at the Chess Club of the Oranges, Orange YMCA (Orange) and Friday evenings at the Irvington-Polish Chess Club at the Polish National Home (Irvington). Plans call for a Swiss System preliminary and a final Round Robin for the victors.

CHESS BY MAIL SPREADING IN VETERAN HOSP'L'S

Sparked by the insistent enthusiasm of Frank Troutman of the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Lexington (Ky.) chess by mail is reaching out into widely separated areas. In California there is a growing response in Sawtelle and Birmingham Veteran Hospitals; and now "The Sentinel" of the Dayton VA Center responds with encouragement to its own hospitalized veterans to play or learn chess.

This remains a field of service for all alert chess clubs. U. S. Veteran Hospitals throughout the country are willing and often eager to place the recreational advantages of chess at the disposal of their patients. But they do not always have qualified teachers of chess on their staff. A local chess club can do both chess and the wounded veterans immeasurable benefit by volunteering its services in helping to organize, teach or advise in the formation of Veteran Chess Clubs in the hospitals.

TAMPA'S LA LIGA INTER-SOCIAL DE AJEDREZ FORMED

Spurred by the exhortations in Spanish of Arthur Montana (Tampa Chess Club) in his column "Mundo de Ajedrez" in the Spanish language newspaper *Traducion Prensa* of Tampa the various Latin social groups have organized an Inter-Social Chess League for Tampa. The affiliating clubs are Centro Espanol (West Tampa) with J. Rabaldo president, Vincent Ramos vice-president, W. Pijuan secretary, and M. Echevarria treasurer; the Circulo Cubano (Tampa) with R. Rodriguez president, Nestor Hernandez director, W. A. Reynolds secretary, and Arthur Montano assistant director; the Centro Espanol (Ybor City) with R. B. Diaz honorary president, Frank Cerra president, and Cosme Corces, secretary; and the Unione Italiana (Tampa) with Mr. Longo president and P. Maniscalco secretary.

JERSEY CITY "Y" SPONSORED JR. SCHOOL LEAGUE

On February 5 Paul Helbig, president of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club presented to Ronald Badertscher, captain of the Hoboken school team, the trophy donated by the Jersey City Club to the Hudson County Interscholastic Chess League which it sponsored. As a result of the interest aroused by this interscholastic league, a junior chess club is being formed at the YMCA, also under the sponsorship of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club.

Final standings in the scholastic team matches were:

Demarest High School (Hoboken)	4 - 0
Memorial High School (West N. Y.)	3 - 1
Bayonne High School (Bayonne)	11 - 21
Lincoln High School (Jersey City)	1 - 3
Snyder High School (Jersey City)	1 - 3



THE YANKEE vs. DODGER TEAM MATCH

At the St. Petersburg Chess Club (Fla.) the weekly meeting of the Yankee-Dodger teams in the Monday night event. Twenty to twenty-nine teams play in the two-game match each Monday and the score is now Dodgers 15½ to Yankees 14½. Captains are E. M. Weeks (Washington, D. C.) and Dr. B. C. Broderick (Mankato, Minn.) while J. Houghteling (St. Petersburg) serves as referee.

"DIVAN" SETS PROGRAM FOR CHESS MONTH

The ever active Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan has scheduled a full program for National Chess Month, beginning with a tandem rapid transit with rotating partners (a Divan specialty) for February 1. The 5th sees tandem team play (also rotating teams) and the 7th an interclub match with the Government Printing Office Chess Club. On February 8th a twelve-man round robin of "five minute" chess is planned, while the regular midmonthly rapid transit comes on the 12th. An end-game tourney at ten seconds per move is set for February 15 and on the 19th the 4th Hattfield-McCoy Feud will rage once again. February 22 will see a simultaneous exhibition by Albert S. Pinkus, New York expert, and the 23rd a special rapid transit. On February 26 Donald Mugridge will deliver a lecture upon the "Evolution of the Chess Tournament," and on the 28th a six-game "clock" exhibition by Hans Berliner against picked opponents.

On January 28 George Koltanowski played eight simultaneous blindfold games in 330 grueling minutes of play without pause. He lost to D. H. Mugridge and R. S. Cantwell, drew with H. Berliner, G. S. Thomas, and L. Thompson, and defeated W. F. Gray, I. Lovett and Dr. L. N. Ponce.

The Annual Meeting of the "Divan" was held January 29 and elected the following: A. B. C. Graves, president; H. W. Thomas, vice president; W. K. Kircher, secretary; and N. P. Wigginton, treasurer. E. S. Dillon (retiring president) and Wm. Burke complete the Board of Directors, as F. W. F. Gleason retires of his own wish after serving on every Board during the Divan's ten years of existence.

FIVE POINTS HAS SLOGAN "LET'S PLAY CHESS!"

Organizing with the modest goal of 100 chess playing members the Five Points Chess Club (El Monte, Calif.) is off to a flying start under the initial organizing impetus of James W. Pierce, president pro tem. Quarters have been obtained in the Civic Auditorium Assembly Room with accommodations for one hundred players and the tentative meeting night has been set as Thursdays. Arthur Hinman is treasurer for the organizing committee.

TORONTO HOLDS JUNIOR SPEED CHESS TOURNEY

The Junior Chess League of Toronto on January 27 held a Rapid Transit Chess Tournament at the Central YMCA in which sixty juniors participated. Ten round robin sections were established, and the winner of each group was awarded a prize. Victor without a loss in her section was Barbara Nixon (Deer Park School). Other winners were Ross Siems, Barry Smythe, Eddie Allen, Eddie Lowry, Hugh Mason, L. Humpage, F. Gore, Louis Goodman and Joe Stulac.

Among adult chess players in Toronto, Hart House is tied with Gambit Chess for lead in the Major Team Tournament at 3½-1½ each. Queen City has 2-3 for third, and Toronto Chess 1-4. In the Minor League Hart House leads with 2½-1½. Gambit, Star and Rogers M. are tied at 1½-1½, and West End is 1-3. The Intermediate League is headed by West End 4½-1½, Hungarians 3½-1½, Central YMCA and Hart House 3-2 each, Gambit and St. Jude's 1-4 each, and Toronto 0-5.

NOVEL WINDOW "SELLS" CHESS AT SO. FALLSBURG

As a fitting celebration for National Chess Month, Mr. Balducci has designed a novel window display. The window is a large one off the lobby of the Rivoli Theatre. In the center of the window is a large blue panel with the message in yellow, flittered cutout letters: "CHESS—THE ROYAL GAME—ENJOYED BY MANY THE WORLD OVER—is MORE THAN 5000 YEARS OLD." On each side of this center panel are ten plaques, and each plaque contains one word describing chess as: "EDUCATIONAL, EASE OF MIND, COURAGE, SPARKLING, RICH, CLEAN PLAY, PICTURESQUE, RICH, DRAMATIC, and PATIENCE." Each word is of yellow cutout flittered letters mounted on separate blue plaques. Surrounding the entire layout is every copy to date of *Chess Life* plus a card inviting membership into the Federation during February.

Displayed on the floor of the window are such items as various chess books, each in the series of U. S. Chess Federation Yearbooks, different chess sets, score pads, and chess boards.

YEAR-OLD DURHAM CHESS HAS FIRST SPEED TOURNEY

January 23 saw the first in a series of monthly speed tournaments to be held in the Durham (No. Car.) Chess Club. President Sam Agnello served as timekeeper in the event which was won by Murray Upchurch. Ronald Ware was second, and Club Champion W. J. Peters third.

The year-old Durham Club began as a USO venture and when the USO club closed, moved into the YMCA. On January 1st it moved into the quarters of the Durham Recreation Department in the City Hall with the whole-hearted cooperation of the department in teaching chess to the young people.

Chief instructor is Club Champion Peters who uses tournament size chess men on a checker-top bridge table while the students assemble around the board.

In the 1946 Annual Tournament of the North Carolina Chess Ass'n, held in Raleigh December 26, W. J. Peters placed third, losing out by one game to H. E. Snyder (Winston-Salem) and H. M. Woods (Polkton) who tied for first. At the annual meeting Sam Agnello (Durham) was elected president of the State Association for 1947 and the invitation the Durham Chess Club accepted for the 1947 Annual Tournament.

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SO MANY MEN, SO MANY MINDS

DIMLY in the memory lingers that Latin tag "Tot homines, quot sententiae"—so many man, so many minds. It comes to mind again as that sterling exponent of the move: 1. P-K4, Weaver W. Adams, writes from his castle at Dedham, Mass., of his impending tour. For Adams is more than a chess-player, he is a crusader. No Peter the Hermit was more eager or sincere, than Adams as he sallies forth to slay the dull dragon of 1. P-Q4. We may not always agree with the thesis that Weaver Adams advances, but we are always forced to admit that Adams hasn't dull game of chess in his system. Whether he wins or loses, his games are usually lively.

But Weaver Adams brings to mind another crusader—that Julius Breyer who declared that a chess board set for the opening of play was a complicated position—a problem, white to play and win. It was Breyer who declared in his notes to a game: "1. P-K4—and already White's position is seriously compromised!" For it was Breyer who led the assault against the King-side openings which finally brought the Queen's Gambit into favor as a tournament debut. Remembering this, it seems strange to note that Breyer's name is attached to a variation of the King's Gambit.

A third crusader is that inimitable poet of chess, Anthony E. Santasiere, who has recently proclaimed the strategic beauties inherent in the early playing of P-QKt4, called Santasiere's Folly.

Nor need we stop with these, for Capablanca once suggested the enlarged board and added pieces in the game, while Frank V. Morley (the chess-playing brother of novelist Christopher) has an enlarged board of his own design as his "one contribution to chess."

Conservative chess players sometimes fret and fume at these menacing thoughts, forgetful of the fact that chess has already survived several drastic changes, such as modern castling in place of the King's escape (or leap). *Tot homines, quot sententiae;* and so long as there are opinions and confusions and the clash of ideas, that long will chess live.

Guest Editorial

NEW BLOOD AND ORGANIZED CHESS

By M. W. Gilbert

USCF Director for the State of Missouri

THROUGH 25 years of chess play and study I have been profoundly impressed by the important part that the younger players take in the development of chess ideas and organization. From year to year new names arise to challenge the old masters. During the twenties we heard about changing the board and adding pieces by those who claimed the game was in a rut, was getting dull. During the thirties a whole new crop of new masters brought with them new life that surged throughout the chess world. Today we hear more and more about youth and chess, youth and chess. And, finally, we are starting a youth program that should be given every encouragement to grow and grow depending upon how much effort we put into it, how much time we are willing to spend in developing it.

This young talent is everywhere. Here in Missouri we are tapping the smaller towns. It has been very encouraging. At Jackson, a very small town, a teacher in the local school has a group of a dozen. A sixteen-year-old boy there is playing in the state postal tourney and with the CCLA. At King City, another small town, we have another strong young player. At Columbia we have an eleven-year-old youngster that played in the state championship in 1946.

This is just the very beginning for us and we are finding it more and more necessary to keep plugging hard to ensure their continued interest. We are finding that where interest lags that by a little organized effort and by the addition of new blood, especially young players, we find a new vitality. Programs of activity must be laid out and presented. Give a new club every assistance in its organizational problems, constitutions, how to conduct tourneys, how to determine colors and rounds, etc. There is a serious lack of information along these lines and we have had to formulate them from our own experience and a little from here and a little from there.

The smaller towns like to hear from the bigger cities, like to have the players play with them. We in St. Louis had that feeling reversed in our tourney last summer. We looked forward eagerly to the arrival

of the small town player. And it has helped us tremendously. Interest grew and more players are coming out as a result.

We in Missouri have a state postal tourney and we have players from many small towns. This is very encouraging to the state organization. From this beginning we are looking forward to the day when we shall have a truly statewide chess championship when every section will be represented by its champion.

The fulfillment of this hope will come to pass with the successful organization of clubs and our youth.

C The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

CHESS MAKES NEW FRIENDS

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

I t's fun opening the mail these days. Orders for chessmen and books from clubs and individual members; tidings of new clubs and new State Associations; batches of CHESS LIFE subscriptions; reports of National Chess Month activities; inquiries, comments and helpful suggestions from here and there and everywhere.

A. B. sends a crisp greenback to cover his first dues, along with a letter so unusual and refreshing that we just can't resist the temptation to make the contents known.



Paul G. Giers

A. B. supervises a group of theatres located in three small communities on the fringe of Southern New York's Catskill Mountains. He has been an ardent chess fan since he learned the game several years ago. Being transferred from place to place by his theatre chain, he had little opportunity to join a chess club and confined himself to playing the game in his theatre office with friends whom he taught the game. And now to continue in A.B.'s own words:

"About a month ago, I played a game of chess in my theatre office. Others saw the game, and it started a ball rolling—a ball which has not yet stopped. From this one game, let me put it mildly, at least 100 people have become keenly interested in chess. We have uncovered players in Monticello, Woodridge and in South Fallsburg (where I am stationed) and tournaments are now being held between these towns with their best players. Tomorrow night, in the lounge of my theatre, there will be a meet between the players of all three communities together with invited guests.

"The High Schools of all three towns have started clubs and in our High School 50 students have signed up to learn and play the game. This program will be financed by the school and sponsored by three teachers who are enthusiastic about chess. Eight, nine and 10-year-olds have visited me and expressed a desire to learn the game. As a result of this, I now have a Junior Chess Club which meets in my theatre office each Saturday morning.

"Furthermore, the women are now becoming interested. They also wish something done about the women in chess and several have asked me to try and do something in their behalf. I am waiting for a woman leader to come along who will assist me in this regard.

"I have a large window display exhibiting chess sets, boards, several of my chess books and large descriptive signs. Many people have been intrigued by what they have seen in the window and, no doubt, it is a strong stimulant for chess locally. I have taken from the shelves of our resort merchants all the chess sets they had on hand, brought them to the theatre office and now have sold nearly all of them for the merchants.

"I am telling you this because I am completely amazed by the keen interest exhibited in the game by people regardless of age or sex, by people of different stations in life—this interest having started only such a short time ago and rising to almost unbelievable proportion. I was sure that you would want to know of this reaction to chess, that if such were true all over the country it would almost be possible that football, baseball and other sports would become relegated to the sidelines, and that chess would be the national game. Perhaps it is approaching this point, I have no means of knowing . . ."

Shortly after writing this letter, A. B. stopped off at Syracuse for a brief visit. His principal concern, he pointed out, is to place the new chess activities in his community on a permanent basis. A club is now being organized and will soon be affiliated with the USCF. Before National Chess Month is over, he expects to have his players, young and not so young, enrolled as individual USCF members.

An hour's chat with this personable and enthusiastic booster of our game served as a forceful reminder that chess, although an old game, still has the same great appeal as ever, that its popularity may soon attain a degree little dreamed of by many of us.

Congratulations to you, Mr. Antonio C. Balducci! When chess has more men like you, we need not worry about its future.

For A Chess Scrapbook

Quotations from Club Publications

THIS is YOUR club! Do you know what is meant by that? It is a piece of your personal property which nobody can take away from you or kick you out of. You are an integral part of the thing you possess. You inevitably stamp your personality on it. So be proud of your club. It is a reflection of you. Be proud of the members, for they are your chess world. Be proud of the quality of chess that is played, for it represents the product of your brain. Be proud of the accomplishments of your club (which have been many), for they represent your activity.

And seek to preserve it. Be on the look out for new members with genial personalities. This is the only consideration. And protect your property. Every time you pay your two and a half bucks you are increasing your investment. Destroy any of it, and you lose by that much.

It is natural you should show inordinate interest in chess, but step out of yourself now and then, and enjoy other chessie pursuits the club has to offer. Become interested in the club and the club will be doubly interesting to YOU!

From "Win, Lose Or Draw—the Piccadilly Chess Club Way," edited by Udal S. Smith, Willernie, Minn.

Who's Who In American Chess

M. W. Gilbert

Among the most active organizers of chess in the South is M. W. Gilbert of Clayton, Missouri. Born in Beaconsfield, Iowa, in August, 1897, Gilbert spent his youth in South Dakota, graduating from the Aberdeen high school. It was while attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, that Gilbert learned his chess in a cigar store "where the kibitzers really handled the pieces" for you."

In June 1923 Gilbert came to Chicago and played on the Commonwealth-Edison chess team in the industrial league in Chicago during 1924 and 1925. The Chicago Chess and Bridge Club (now extinct)

was then in the building on the corner of Monroe and Dearborn, and Gilbert played his chess there as well as in the Swedish Chess Club.

Gilbert is one of those rare individuals, valuable to any club or organization, who is as much interested in the promoting aspect as in the playing. While Gilbert has played in most of the St. Louis championships, the best he has ever placed is fourth; he has always been busy with the arrangement side of chess. In 1944 he assumed the Directorship of the Illinois Correspondence Chess Association when Roy Wakefield of Waterman (Ill.) could no longer carry the burden; and he has long been an active Director in the United States Chess Federation.

H. M. Wesenberg

Born in Minneapolis in January, 1891, H. M. Wesenberg became an acknowledged kibitzer at the age of seven while watching his parents play chess. With a brother two years older he learned the game, playing with a homemade set of cardboard on which the names of the pieces were printed in ink.

Soon he was playing chess in the old St. Paul Chess Club, and entered in the St. Paul City Tournaments and the Washington Day knockout tournaments.

In this later event he met E. P. Elliott, Stacy, McClelland, Bland,

Dr. Huxmann and Dale Barukuloo among the chess lights of those days; and remembers in particular the appearance of Frank Marshall at the Ryan Hotel when he gave a simultaneous:

"there he was, tall with high forehead, auburn hair, penetrating appearance, black bow-tie and neat from head to foot."

As a player Wesenberg has been runner-up several times in the City Championship and placed second in the state tournament in 1939 and 1940 after helping in the formation of the Missouri State Chess Association. He is an inveterate correspondence chess player as well, yet finds time to help organize other chess clubs within a radius of 150 miles from Kansas City.

His latest project is the organization of chess clubs for boys and girls in churches with the organization of a church lead in mind; and this is in addition to a program for chess contests among the schools of the city where chess clubs are already active.



H. M. Wesenberg

Men Who Work For Chess

By George Koltanowski

Dr. Julius S. Weingart

PLAYING in an exhibition which I gave at Des Moines in the last days of 1945 was Dr. Julius S. Weingart, pathologist at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital. And it was with pleasure that I learned that following my visit to Des Moines in January 1946, Dr. Weingart had organized the Des Moines Chess Club, USCF Chapter 115, and named me as its unofficial god-father.

Dr. Weingart learned his chess as a boy and developed it during his years of medical study at Columbia University. Coming to Des Moines some thirty years ago, he has always played chess, although it is only recently that he has indulged in chess management. With the organization of the Des Moines Chess Club in 1946 Dr. Weingart became president and Don Wells secretary of the infant organization which found quarters in the YMCA.

Chess supplies were a problem. At last Dr. Weingart found ten folding tables with good sets of squares on their tops. Chessmen remained a difficulty, however, until Dr. Weingart found an expert wood worker in Des Moines who duplicated Dr. Weingart's own club-size set (4½ inch king) in maple and walnut with hand-carved knights. To date seven of these beautiful custom-built sets have been received.

In the summer of 1946 the Boys' Department of the YMCA asked Dr. Weingart to start a boys' chess club under the sponsorship of the Senior Club. Dr. Weingart responded with enthusiasm, and so successful has been his first group of boys from eleven to thirteen, that he has agreed to start a second class group in the early days of 1947.

First of a series of articles by George Koltanowski, to be published from time to time in these pages.

3rd ANNIVERSARY FOR RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN CLUB

In fitting style the Raybestos-Manhattan Chess Club (Passaic, N. J.) celebrated its third anniversary in February by defeating the Match-Wit Chess Club (Caldwell, N. J.) by a score of 6½-3½ at the Passaic YMCA. The victory represented the third win in the Inter-County League Matches which Raybestos-Manhattan now leads with a match score of three wins and two draws.

Walter Berkenbosch is president, Emil Krak vice-president and secretary, and John Harrald team captain of the club which meets every Wednesday evening at the Passaic YMCA. Preliminaries of the club tournament ended with Club Champion Emil Krak, W. Berkenbosch, Frank Krak, Bob Choneweth, J. Harrald, Ray Boyko, Alex Lieback and Mat Lorence qualified for the double round robin tournament.

FORD MOTOR BOWS TO EDISON CHESS (DETROIT) 4½-8½

The Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) spent a profitable evening on January 27 "watching the Fords go by" as they acted as hosts to the Ford Motor Chess Club in the Service Building of the Edison Company. The visiting team might claim an inhospitable reception as the final score was 8½-4½.

Edison Chess	Ford Motor
O'Keefe 0	Eoff 1
Roberts 1	Housewirth 0
Blachford 3	Jacobs 3
Watson 1	Scholz 0
Treend 0	O'Neill 1
Ptykovsky 1	Polic 0
Block 1	Ogren 0
Gunnin 1	Kochich 0
Malone 1	McGraw 0
Partch 1	Buxton 0
Szabo 0	Grunheid 1
Frankenfield 0	Hawley 1
Shaw 1	Kelley 1
Edison Chess 8½	Ford Motor 4½

POUGHKEEPSIE TEACHES CADETS CHESS STRATEGY

On January 26 the Poughkeepsie Chadwick Chess Club (N.Y.) gave a lesson in grand strategy to a West Point Chess Team. Lack of military control of atomic energy may explain the civilian victory. Final score was 6-1 and the cadets effected a strategic retreat to their stronghold on the Hudson.

Poughkeepsie	West Point
F. Schmitz 0	Cadet Kanula 1
G. Traver 1	Cadet Ross 0
J. Meyerson 1	Cadet Leggett 0
D. Meyerson 1	Cadet Flynn 0
H. Gronke 1	Cadet Hughes 0
J. Brainin 1	Cadet Harrison 0
E. Mason 1	Cadet Bitzer 0
Poughkeepsie 6	West Point 1

Dr. Julius S. Weingart with a group of his junior chess players. Wall board in background is work of local sign-painter.

Photo:
Cal Ray of Des Moines Register and Tribune.



SYRACUSE CITY CHESS TOURNEY NOW UNDER WAY

Conducted by the Syracuse Chess Club, a round-robin tournament is now under way to determine the 1947 City Chess Champion of Syracuse (N. Y.). The twenty-eight entrants are divided into two sections of a preliminary tourney, and the three top players in each section will meet in a final round-robin to determine the champion.

All of the entries are men except for Mrs. Carl Nye, who finished fifth in the Woman's National Chess Championship in New York. Tournament director is Edward Robson, well known for what "the Chess Bug sez" so often in CHESS LIFE. Severin Bischoff, a director in the USCF is president of the Syracuse Chess Club which meets every Tuesday night at the Hotel Syracuse, and it is the home club of USCF executive vice-president Paul G. Giers. The club has given a one year free membership to all former members who have returned from the armed forces.

Cleveland's east-side has been divided into three sections: Section A consists of Collingwood, East Euclid Central and Shaw high schools; Section B of Cathedrals Latin, Glenville, East Tech, and John Adams; Section C of Benedictine, Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. Winners of these three sections will hold a playoff to determine the east-side champion which will meet the winner of the west-side section for the Scholastic Team Championship of Cleveland. The west-side section consists of John Marshall, Lincoln, St. Ignatius and West Tech. In addition a three-way match is planned between the three Junior High Schools: Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE ELECTS 1947 OFFICERS

At the January meeting of the Metropolitan (N. Y.) Chess League officers for 1947 season were elected: L. B. Meyers (Manhattan Chess), president; P. L. Gold (Brooklyn Chess), vice-president; Rhys Hays (Intercollegiate), secretary; and Nat Halper (Marshall Chess), treasurer. Plans and schedules were approved for the 1947 season which begins in March.

To All USCF Club Chapters:

The material for our 1946 yearbook is now being assembled by the editors and it has been decided to publish more complete information about our affiliated club chapters.

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SACRAMENTO WINS TEAM MATCH FROM SALINAS CHESS

On January 26 the Modesto (Calif.) Chess Club played host to the visiting teams from two out-of-town clubs which met for a team match. Salinas Chess Club was one visitor, recently organized and sparked by the enthusiasm of Geo. Oakes, formerly of Vallejo. Their opponents came from the established Capital City Chess Club of Sacramento. The contest was much closer than the score would indicate and Salinas displayed several youngsters in their line-up who showed much promise.

Capital City	Salinas Chess
M. O. Meyer 1	Dr. David Malig 0
J. B. Gee 1	J. Skifforn 0
S. W. Applegate 1	Tom Work 0
N. V. Smith 1	Geo. 0
F. B. Jackson 1	Foster Clark 0
Bill Manfold 0	G. R. Detweiler 1
L. C. Porter 0	Wayne Pope 1
J. T. Marianos 0	A. W. Flippin 1
N. E. Taletoff 1	R. Larson 0
M. G. Davenport 1	D. Flippin 0
C. J. Carey 1	J. Campbell 0
Rus 1	H. J. Ebury 0
Sacramento 10	Salinas 2

CHESS BY MAIL FOR ST. LOUIS INDEPENDENT

Long range chess is the objective of the St. Louis (Mo.) Independent Chess Club in beginning an eight-board match by correspondence with the Cleveland (Ohio) Chess Club. Team members for Cleveland are: John O. Hoy, William F. Streeter, Ernest Somlo, C. W. Tallman, E. E. Stearns, Ed Krisch, Dr. A. V. Goetz and Freddy Bartell. St. Louis is represented by George H. Perrine, Calvin Marvin, C. M. Burton, Roland A. Alpiser, T. P. Curtiss, Joseph F. Tonar, Robert W. Bruner and Charles H. Hamann.

In addition the club is playing two consultation games against former city champion Erich W. Marchand of the Rochester (N. Y.) Chess Club, assisted by Don Sullivan and John Hasseneohrl.

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

1947 Oklahoma State Championship Tournament

Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black

1. P-K4	P-QB4	6. B-K2	P-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	7. B-K3	B-K2
3. P-QB	PxP	8. O-O	O-O
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3	9. Kt-K13	B-K3
5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3	10. P-B4	P-QR3

All book so far, and except for Black's last move, "the best." The text is too passive, and in the Sicilian Black cannot afford to be passive. Best appears Botvinnik's 10...Q-K4 as given in MCO. The value of this move is that it gives Black ACTIVE counterplay.

11. P-B5

MCO does not give this move, recommending instead 11. B-B3. The text, however, has the merit of greater energy and seems better.

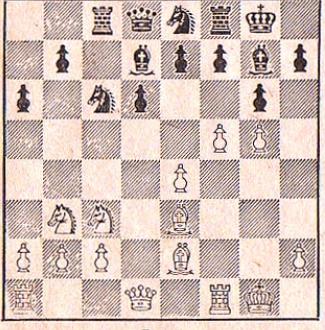
11. B-Q2

Already this might be considered the losing move; for the simple reason that it condemns Black to utter passivity forever after, and practice has proved over and over again that the "sit tight" defense loses with discouraging regularity. A better try here would be: 11.... BxKt; 12. RPxP, Kt-K1 and the unbudgeable Kt should prove as good as White's B.

12. P-KKt4 R-B1 13. P-Kt5 Kt-K1

After 13. Kt-K1

Roddy



Rozsa

Black's difficulties are apparent and one gets the feeling that it will be a diamond studded miracle if he lives through the coming attack.

14. Kt-Q5

The only way Black can answer the threat of B-Kt6 is by 14.... R-R1, to leave QBI for the Q, but this would plainly be a serious loss of time. Therefore, Black chooses to grab the P and hope. Hope without salt, however, can leave one with an awfully empty stomach.

14. BxKtP 20. PxKtP BPxP
15. R-K1 K-B4 21. RxR ch. RxR
16. B-K6 Kt-B2 22. Q-K2 Q-R5
17. B-Q3 P-K3 23. R-RK1 P-Q5
18. KtxKt QxP ch. 24. R-K2 R-QB1

Thinking to regain his piece,
25. Kt-B5 Q-K2 Obviously the Kt(B7) cannot be taken.
26. Kt(B7)xKt-B1 27. Q-K4 Watch the Black R.
27. Kt-K5 28. R-B2 B-B2
What else is there to do?
29. Kt-Kt5 Resigns

Tournament LifeConducted by
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Rochester 3, New York

Black If on the QB file

11. Kt-B3	Kt-KB3	12. Kt-K5	Kt-B5
12. Kt-K1	Kt-K5	13. BxKt	Q-K4
13. Kt-B1	Kt-B3	14. Kt-B5	B-Q4
14. Kt(B3)-Q2	R-B1	15. Kt-K1	B-Q4!
15. 0-Q1	P-QR3	16. KtxB	QxKt
16. P-B3	Kt-Q3	17. 0-Q2	

Laying a neat trap. If 17.... RxR ch; 23. RxR, RxKt; 24. R-K8 ch. B-B1; 25. Q-R6, Q-Q8; 26. PxR.

22.	B-B1	26. Kt-R4	PxP
23. RxR	RxR	27. RRPxP	R-R1
24. P-QK4	P-QR4	28. Q-K1	Q-K3!
25. P-QR3	Kt-B4		

An excellent move taking advantage of White's awkwardly pinned Kt. If 29. QxQ, PxQ; 30. P-K5 (to stop 30.... P-QR4), R-R4 wins a P. Now White must yield the important K-file.

29. Q-QB1 Q-K1?

An unhappy move. Black had excellent chances either with 29.... R-K1 or by 29.... P-R4; 30.... K-R2; and 31.... R-R3.

30. KtxP RxR 32. K-R1 Q-K7

31. QxR Q-K6 ch. Drawn

White has the best of it with his extra pawn. The win is not easy, however, because of Black's domineering position—probably impossible in fact.

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QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Women's

Championship Tournament

Notes by Max Herzberger

White Black

MISS W. HENSCHEL	MISS N. M. KARFF
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3

3. P-QB4 seems better to try to control the center. White hopes to play the Colle system, but due to the Q-flanchetto never succeeds in playing P-K4. The game shows that White cannot play mechanically without the opponent does not cooperate.

3. B-K12 6. 0-0 QKt-Q2

4. Kt-K2 Q-K2

5. B-Q3 P-Q4

Finishing White's dream of P-K4.

6. P-QB4 B-Q3 9. Kt-K1

To play P-KB3 and P-K4, but it is too late. Black's attack is already overwhelming.

9. 0-0 10. Q-B3

Order—counter-order—disorder! But P-KB3 followed by P-K4 would lead to the same disaster as the text.

10. P-KB4 12. P-B3 BxRP ch.

11. R-B3

The final assault. There is no defense.

13. KxP R-R3 ch. 15. 0-Q1 ...

14. Kt-K1 Kt-K6 16. Q-B2 Kt-K5

Resigns.

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ENGLISH OPENING

1946 U. S. Championship

Tournament

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black

A. SANDRIN	Kt-KB3
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-K3

There is no reason why Black should abstain from the natural 3.... P-Q4; if then 4. P-K5, P-Q5! with equality. After the text move, Black gets into an unfavorable variation of the Sicilian Defense.

4. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 8. BxPch PxP

5. P-Q4 PxP 9. B-QKts PxP

6. KtxP B-K15 10. 0-O Q-K3

7. P-B3 P-Q4

Why not 10.... KtxKt; 11. QxKt, BxKt; 12. PxKt, QxP? QxKt ch., PxP with advantages?

11. B-K3 BxKt 13. B-R4

12. PxKt BxKt

If 13.... P-QR4 the Black Q would have much less mobility.

13. KtxP ch. 14. RxKt

If 14.... QxKt, PxP.

14. Q-R3

Instead, 14.... Q-R4 would have been better for attack and defense.

15. PxP Q-R1?

The Rook move was not called for; it is true that 15.... B-Kt5? is unfavorable because of 16. R-RxKt, BxQ; 17. RxQ, PxR; 18. R-RxP, but the simple 15.... RxP would have been better.

16. B-K12 8. 0-0

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"Week Of Chess" Passes Test

GARY CHESS CLUB RESUMES CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

After a lapse of two years the Gary Chess Club is reestablishing the Gary City Championship Tournament, last won in 1944 by D. O. Brooks (of South Bend), an out-of-town member of the club. Preliminary play began February 9 at the Gary (Ind.) YMCA with D. E. Rhead, president of the Gary Chess Club, serving as referee.

The Gary Chess Club is sponsoring "chess classes" for grade and high school students, although adults will not be barred because of age. The classes meet in the Indiana room of the Central Library under the sponsorship of D. E. Rhead and Ed. Mitchell, director of the Gary Works' "Goodfellow Club." Acting as instructors are Wallace Kosiba, team captain of the Gary Chess Club, and George Tarkane, organization secretary. Mr. Seelkirk, Gary librarian, is the cooperating sponsor of the movement in making room available in the library for these classes.

REVIVAL OF OLD COLONY CHESS LEAGUE PLANNED

On December 22nd at the invitation of Hy Fine of the Attleboro (Mass.) Chess Club, delegates gathered from various New England clubs to discuss a revival of the Old Colony Chess League. Mr. Worcester of the Quincy Y. (Mass.) Chess Club was elected temporary chairman of the league and Mr. Hamm of the Attleboro Club temporary secretary and treasurer.

Clubs represented at this organizing meeting were: Providence, Pawtucket, Attleboro, Fall River, Quincy and Brockton. Worcester was not represented but had already intimated a willingness to join, while the newer organizations in New Bedford and Woonsocket were also expected to enter when the league begins to function.

I. A. HOROWITZ IS UNDAUNTED BY TRAIN WRECK

When the Southern Pacific "San Joaquin Daylight Express" was wrecked near Kingsburg, Calif., on February 4, traveling chess-master Horowitz was among the uninjured passengers who were transferred to autos for completion of their journeys. So little daunted was Horowitz that the same evening in his exhibition at the Modesto Chess Club he won nineteen and drew two games. Herbert Paul of Modesto and Monty Jackson of Riverfork were the two successful gainers of the draw. The usual lecture was cancelled due to the late arrival.

The exhibition was held in the Odd Fellows Hall and drew thirty spectators. Arrangements were handled by Herbert Paul, president, Herbert Betker, vice-president, Lee Kerfoot, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Donald G. Weston, chairman of the special events committee.

NEWTON CHESS NUTS CELEBRATE CHESS MONTH

On February 15 in celebration of National Chess Month Harlow B. Daly, former Boston Chess Champion, played a twenty-one board simultaneous at the Newton (Mass.) YMCA. He won sixteen, drew one and lost four. Successful against Daly were Charles C. Craig, Lawrence Bonney, Judge Thomas Weston and N. Cary Hayward, while Dr. Cameron A. Rae held the expert to a draw.

Among the less successful contestants were Mrs. Selma Philipp, seventyish, and John Horitz, just past ten. Spectators included former Mayor Edwin O. Childs, Middlesex County Commissioner. Arrangements were supervised by Dr. Cameron A. Rae and Carl S. Crummett of the Newton Chess Nuts.

Though the American Theatre Wing and the American Red Cross, the Newton Chess Nuts are organizing a chess group of army patients at the Murphy Hospital for Veterans at Waltham. Two Chess Nut members go to the hospital each week in this "Chess for Veterans" program.

On February 14 the Newton Chess Nuts defeated the invading team of the Brookline High School Chess Club. William Loring acted as host to this event. Final scores were:

Newton Chess Nuts	Brookline Chess
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Rae	Mitte
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Weston	Spunk
Craig	
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CHESS FOR VETERANS

HERE is the danger always that once the crisis is past we forget that the victory was not gained without toil and suffering and injury. During the war chess clubs and chess players responded nobly to the call for chess entertainment and instruction in the army and navy hospitals of the country. This was "Chess for the Wounded"—one of the most far-reaching and important projects ever sponsored by the USCF.

Today in the reaction that is natural after a long, hard struggle there is the temptation to forget that victory leaves in its wake the injured and the maimed. These are more deserving of our friendship and our encouragement than their predecessors upon whom countless organizations showered attention, for they are in-danger of being forgotten.

Readers of these pages know that chess is a live issue in the various Veteran Hospitals; they have seen notices of the growing groups of convalescent chess players at Lexington, at Sawtelle, at Birmingham. Chess has met with the approval of the Recreation Service Department of the Veterans Administration at Washington. But much remains to be done. Many hospitals are eager to develop a chess program for their patients but lack in trained teachers and advisors; for these the encouragement and cooperation of the local chess club and individual player would be beyond price.

Elsewhere in these pages are notice of the work of individual clubs at Vaughan General Hospital in Illinois and Valley Forge General Hospital in Pennsylvania as signposts pointing in the right direction; but the work as yet lacks proper coordination. It is time that every chess club set for itself as an eternal duty, much more important than winning a few matches in interclub play, the pleasant task of promoting and encouraging the chess playing of invalided veterans in the hospitals throughout the country.

To aid in the work with veterans the USCF has a special imprinted edition of the USCF Yearbook for distribution to interested veterans as well as back numbers of chess magazines for the encouragement and instruction of players. These are available to chess clubs upon application to S. S. Keeney, Chairman of the "Chess for Veterans" program of the USCF.

Complete information on the "Chess for Veterans" program may be obtained by writing direct to: S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Guest Editorial

TO PLAY CHESS IS THE THING

By Mel Schubert

Secretary and Organizer, Twin Falls Chess Club, Idaho

COMPETITION is the life-blood of chess: playing to win "this particular game," having a purpose for winning "this particular game" other than simply making it "five straight" over ol' man Dilldock for the evening.

The test of a chess organization is the opportunity it provides its members for competition, planned competition of a continually widening scope. This does not mean that a chess club cannot serve those who enjoy an occasional game. But it does mean that the stimulus necessary for improving the quality of play can come only from planned competition. The responsibility for that planning rests squarely with the local club.

Those of us who live in areas remote from the recognized chess centers look enviously at the opportunities players in those areas enjoy for the stimulation of tournaments, matches and league play, forgetting such active programs did not spring full grown from the game-room of the local YMCA, but that they are the inevitable reward of steady and continued planning.

Large clubs have this competition inherent within themselves. The problem of a program for a smaller club is somewhat different. A club tournament and ladder is not enough. They become significant only as the stature of the club grows. Soon the players fall into their respective places on the ladder and unless an effort is made to maintain enthusiasm by new competition, interest stagnates.

The Twin Falls (Idaho) Chess Club has found that several three-cent stamps can work wonders in securing team matches from similarly eager groups, organized or unorganized. The club is completing its first four months of organization and in that brief period has played team matches with Salt Lake City and Logan, Utah, Buhl, Idaho; scheduled matches with Boise, Idaho; played host to a one-day Valley Tournament; and is preparing to sponsor a State Tournament this summer. We have

found that distances, always a factor in the West, are an inconvenience but not a handicap. We have found, too, that a recipe for a stimulating, although slightly bitter, chess-potion is a mixture in the proportions of two wins to three losses.

Unfortunately there is no magic passport into a chess players Utopia where tournaments, matches, and competitions come about suddenly and without effort. There is no miracle-maker who can say, "Here, and here, and here shall be active chess programs." To play chess is the thing. And the responsibility rests with the local club.

¶ The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

(Monthly Letter No. 39)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, The United States Chess Federation

FROM June 30 to July 12 the second annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States will be held at Cleveland. The Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association are working cooperatively to insure the success of the tournament in every possible respect. These sponsors have generously undertaken to supply housing for sixty boys for the entire period.

When the first Junior Championship Tournament was planned at the 46th Annual Congress, held at Peoria in 1945, a Junior player eligible to enter was defined as being a boy or girl who had not yet reached his 19th birthday. The Directors are now considering a resolution to raise the age limit to 21, and although the final result will not be known until all ballots have been received, early returns indicate that the change will be made. If so, the doors will be open to thousands of players between 19 and 21.

If the anticipated increase in age limit is effected, arrangements will be made to divide the players into age groups so that the younger boys will not have to compete against older and more experienced opponents. A complete set of trophies will be awarded in each age section and a boy of 13 who is champion of his group will receive a cup identical in size and quality as that which will be awarded to the champion of the oldest group.

Then a tournament of the champions of all ages will be held, the winner of which will be proclaimed the Junior Chess Champion of the United States, and while I share the general solicitude of the other officers and directors of the Federation to protect the interests of the younger players, I am by no means persuaded that the boys in the lower age groups are not amply able to take care of themselves. No one should be greatly surprised if the next Junior Champion is 14 years old.

Careful study is now being made of such questions as to the number of places in the tournament to be allotted to each State, the determination of the players to receive the housing benefits provided by the Cleveland sponsors, and the like. Entries may not as yet be accepted, but announcement will shortly be made concerning the matter.

Meantime, junior players should contact their own State chess associations and make arrangements for certification in the event that the number of entries from their State should exceed that which may be allotted.

The Federation's junior program is potentially the biggest development in American chess and the greatest hope of regaining and maintaining supremacy in international chess competition. It merits the best efforts which can be given to it.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

In Dr. Ferguson's list of professions who are chess players, he left my profession out and that is "Tailor."

MAX ROSENBERG,
Maryland Chess Club
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter and the enclosure. We do have a Taylor. He is not a tailor. But is a fine Taylor at that. Clarence E. Taylor is one of our Board of Directors.

DR. A. B. FERGUSON,
St. Petersburg Chess Club
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The reasons for Russian team supremacy and general chessic strength is not difficult to see. Chess there has become "institutionalized." By that term I mean that it has become an institution in that country, practically like the institution of marriage, or the institution for the elimination of tuberculosis, or the institution for football games, etc. It does not operate on the basis of personal patronage, the patronage which, until the time of Dr. Samuel Johnson, operated for the writing profession from Chaucer to Shakespeare to Johnson. The trouble with personal patronage system is that it usually dies with the person.

Under an institutional setup, much of this weakness is eliminated. Humorously put, the institution of marriage keeps going regardless of what its members may think of it or how much they may wish to abolish or modify it.

I think one of the best chances for institutionalization lies in our schools. If we could get chess the official school recognition that is accorded such extra-curricular activities as football, baseball, basketball, drama, etc., chess would perhaps never have the difficulties, the ups and downs, that it has run through for some generations. As a teacher, I know that many schools would approve the inauguration of chess clubs for many reasons: many students cannot go out for athletics for physical and other reasons; many intellectual students would welcome an intellectual activity; many superintendents would welcome chess because it would keep students out of mischief during the lunch hour, etc.

The important thing would be to get chess started in the schools, no matter on how small a scale (the thin edge of the wedge must be inserted). After it has had a definite existence, no matter how small or restricted, it will become a recognized activity of the school which is the basic aim in the first place.

FRANK J. SKOFF,
Shah Mat Chess Club
Peoria, Illinois

Who's Who In American Chess

Mel Schubert

A native of Idaho, Mel Schubert had to go to Los Angeles to learn about chess some four years ago. It brings the confession that chess demonstrated why the first twenty-eight years of his life were so dull, and the promise that Mel's life will be much brighter from now on.

A cartoonist by profession, Mel Schubert is once again living in Idaho with a family and a collection of horses, dogs and cats. To the horses he attributes the fact that he has been trying unsuccessfully to demonstrate that a knight is superior to a bishop under all circumstances.


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Scott A. Lamb

Born in Princeton, Kentucky, December 16, 1890, Scott A. Lamb did not get acquainted with chess until he came West. The future USCF Director for Idaho, who should have learned his chess in the old Louisville Chess Club during the days of Showalter, actually learned it in Kooskia, Idaho in 1915 (or rather, was vaguely but formally introduced to the game.) Scott says he remembers well that his moves were all gambits, and the other fellow always accepted them all.

It was during the First World War in the Officers Mess Hall at Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas that Scott really began to play chess. He thought he was really doing well until one evening when the Colonel invited him over for a game. Scott claims that this was his first real experience with chess. He played as hard as he could but was not quite good enough to meet the Colonel. When the session was over the Colonel explained the game of chess to Scott in terms of theory.

For the past twenty years or more Scott Lamb has been an electrician for the Milwaukee Railroad and is now settled in Avery, Idaho. This is in the Bitter Root Mountains and according to Scott is "Mostly up and down." Avery is located on the St. Joe River and it is Scott's boast that he has no trouble in catching rainbow and cutthroat trout a mere hundred yards from his home.

Upon occasion Scott plays with the visiting railroaders, some of whom play a hard game of chess; but most of his chess has been in following the games of other players through books and periodicals. But with an eye to the future, Scott Lamb has been teaching the younger generation and hopes someday to send forth a new champion from the hardy mountain air of Idaho.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

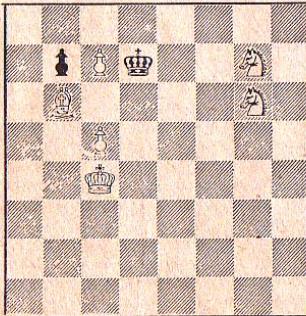
It is with considerable interest that this recliner under the Chess-Nut Tree discovered in the admirable article "In Quest of Originality" by C. S. K. (C. S. Kipping) in the December issue of CHESS (the British publication) that one, at least, of the Gremlin problems published herein (December 20th) was anticipated as the composers term it by a serious published problem by F. Amelung in 1897. It represented the second (or Masked) Gremlin theme in our terminology. Mr. C. S. K. contributes in the same article to Gremlinia another early published problem by T. B. Rowland in 1896 which is an excellent example of the fifth (or Transformed) Gremlin theme which had escaped this columnist's inattentive eye.

Properly speaking, the Gremlin problem should acknowledge no composer but belong to chess tradition—and in this sense the four original Gremlin problems are true Gremlin (although this transmuter of the ancient tradition may have prompted his memory with an occasional touch of originality in presenting the four original settings, as it was many years ago when he was first tricked by them.)

No self-respecting problemist today would resort to the low deceit of these Gremlin problems, so the fact that some of them were once accepted seriously in the problem world merely demonstrates the great advance that has been made in problem composition since 1890.

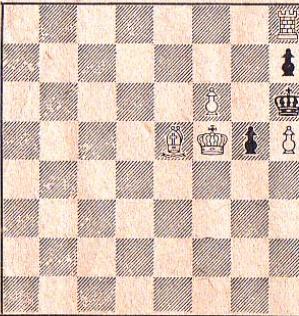
(Solution on page 4.)

V. Transformed Gremlin Theme.



White to move and mate in two.
T. B. ROWLAND
Bristol Mercury, 1896

VI. Masked Gremlin Theme



White to move and mate in two.
F. AMELUNG
Dune. Ztg. 1897

Dear Sir:

There is at least one more "Gremlin" theme, i.e. the "Extra-temporal-perception" Gremlin type, which appeared in September 1938 Game Digest, Vol. II, Number 1. The problem, Game Digest No. 55. Original by W. O. Peters, whose "position is legal," is white to mate in one! The solution is given on Page 27, November Games Digest.

GEORGE G. GALLAGER,
Glendale 6, California.

CHESS CLUB OF ORANGES WINS FROM KEARNEY

In the Suburban League on February 13 the Chess Club of the Oranges (Orange, N. J.) journeyed to Kearney to meet the Kearney Progressive Chess Club and won by the score of 4½-1½.

C. C. of Oranges 1 Kearney-Prog. 0
McCormick 1 Carpenter 0
Smith 1 Wadlow 0-1-0
Farnham 1 Hagenbuch 0
Lauter 1 T. Giehner 0
Tobler 1 Giehner 0
Cornish 0 Schulman 1

C. C. of Oranges 4½ Kearney-Prog. 1½

As a result of this victory the Chess Club of the Oranges continues to lead the Suburban League with four matches won and none lost; Irvington Polish is second with 3-1 and Elizabeth third with 2-1. Among the individual players Neidick of Elizabeth leads, F. Howard of Oranges is second, Kowalski of Polish third and K. Howard of Oranges fourth.

SO. DAKOTA CHESS ACTIVE AT LEAD AND SIOUX FALLS

The recently organized Lead Junior Chess Club which meets regularly at the Homestake Recreation Hall in Lead (So. Dak.) under the direction of Chambers Kellar has held its first tournament. There were ten entries and the winner was John Ahartz. Second place went to Junior Sentonich and third place to Richard Wylie.

In the Sioux Falls City Tournament, now in play, McKenna leads section one of the preliminaries with 4-1; Denu heads section two with 4-0; and Hanson paces section three with 3-1.

NAME MARTIN SOUTHERN AS USCF DIRECTOR

In recognition of the growing USCF membership in Tennessee, President Wagner has appointed Martin Southern, prominent resident of Knoxville, to act as USCF Director in Tennessee. Southern is a well-known lawyer and has been for many years very active in chess work. He has been prominent both in the Knoxville Chess Club and the Southern Chess Association, and has recently been elected President of the Southern Chess Association. A man of many interests, Southern has also been very active in Boy Scout work in Knoxville.

RED ROSES CHESS GIVE DEFEAT TO ELIZABETHTOWN

Meeting for the first time on January 13, the Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster, Pa.) dealt defeat to the Elizabethtown (Pa.) Chess Club by a score of 8½-2½. Age bowed to youth when eleven-year-old J. Frey (Elizabethtown) bested thirteen-year-old Griel Miller (Red Rose).

Red Rose Chess	Elizabethtown		
M. Paul	1	R. Miller	0
T. Eckenrode	1	J. Corkle	1
J. Hartman	1	D. Seiders	0
R. Lague	1	T. Rodger	0
R. Plaster	1	R. Barnhard	0
D. Hawks	1	P. Engle	0
W. F. Hartman	1	J. Frey	1
G. Miller	0	C. Frey	0
Herr	1	R. Seiders	1
R. Hoyer	0	V. Sikorsky	0
R. Wagner	1		
Red Rose	8½	Elizabethtown	2½

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GEORGE BARNES IS TOO GOOD FOR MINN. CHESS CLUB

On January 22 Minnesota State Champion George Barnes gave proof that he was a little too good for the opposition in a simultaneous exhibition at the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club.

Playing twenty boards, Barnes won sixteen, lost two and drew two. Winners against the champion were Eugene Frey and Carl Diesen, while the draws went to Peter Lowen and Vincent J. Owens.

The exhibition by Barnes will be followed in the near future with one by former State Champion Dr. G. A. Koelsche.

TWO NEW CLUBS BATON ROUGE (LA.) IN FIRST MATCH

The two recently organized Baton Rouge (La.) chess clubs sent their teams into action for the first time February 18. The match was won by the YMCA club with a score of 3-2. Following the match W. Frank Gladney, dean of Baton Rouge chess players, gave a six-board simultaneous against opponents drawn from both teams and won all six games.

YMCA Chess	Recreation Center
E. LeRoy Way 1	C. D. Wallace, Jr. 0
H. W. Williams 1	E. C. Currie 0
Bruce Denbo 0	J. V. Robbins 1
S. L. Rush 1	C. F. Moulliet 0
M. D. Welch 0	E. R. Brunner 1
YMCA Chess 3	Rec. Center 2

PROVIDENCE Y WINS MATCH WITH FALL RIVER CLUB

On January 21 the Providence (R. I.) Y Chess Club won a five-board match from the visiting team of the Fall River (Mass.) Chess Club.

Providence Y	Fall River
Reich 1	Kusch 0
Paisch 1	Kaplan 0
I. Winsor 0	Wernick 1
Butterworth 2	Ford 0
Worrell 1	Rezendes 0
Providence Y 3½	Fall River 1½

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I. B. M. HOST TO NEW YORK CHESS ASS'N OFFICERS

A meeting of the New York State Chess Association was held February 8 at the I.B.M. Country Club to make plans for the forthcoming New York State Chess Congress to be held at the I.B.M. Country Club late this summer. Among the committee chosen to work out the details of the various contests by Thomas McConnon, president, was that composed of Paul G. Giers, Harold M. Phillips and Erich W. Marchand for the drafting of new by-laws and planning of a closer relationship between the State Ass'n and the USCF.

In addition to the annual Genesee Cup Team Matches, there will be another Team Trophy to be called the "Susquehanna Valley Cup," donated jointly by the I.B.M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club. Details on this event will be announced later.

During their stay in the triple cities of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott the visiting officials were guests at the I.B.M. Homestead.

TELEVISION TO FEATURE LIVING CHESS IN MATCH

Plans are maturing for the promised television match between Sawtelle and Birmingham Veteran Hospitals (Los Angeles, Calif.) set for this summer; and the revised program calls for the match to be played on a giant outdoor board with living chess pieces in costume. David M. Crandell of the Los Angeles Athletic Club is the expert in television most responsible for these ambitious plans.

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White W. ADAMS Black G. KRAMER
1. P-K4 P-K3 4. P-K5 P-QB4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-QR3

6. Kt-B3 Kt-B5

7. B-Q2 is considered best here. The text allows 5. BxKt ch. with a good game for Black. Black, however, does not avail himself of this opportunity.

5. B-R4 6. P-QK4

Euwe gives this as the refutation of Black's last move. For if now 6. PxKt; 7. Kt-K5! Kramer, however, improves on Black's defense by capturing toward the

6. PxQP 8. P-KB4 Kt-K2

7. Kt-K5 B-B2 9. Q-K4

White frequently plays this move against the French defense. One feature of this entire opening is that if White's K-side attack fails, Black's better Pawn structure gives him a superior ending.

9. O-O 11. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

10. B-Q3 Kt-B4 12. Q-R3

An excellent move preparing the following Pawn-thrust.

12. P-KK13 15. PxP KtxRP

13. P-KM Kt-K10 16. R-KK11 Kt-K2

14. Kt-K5 P-KR4

White threatened KtxP followed by BxP.

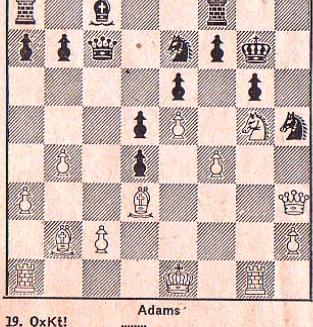
17. B-K2

Preparing the following combination which takes Black unawares. The text prevents a Q-check by Black a move or so later.

17. Kt-K2 18. KtxB QxKt

After 18. QxKt

Kramer



Adams

The winning stroke. If 19. PxQ; 20. KtxP dblie ch. and 21. KtxQ, remaining a piece ahead.

19. R-R1 22. Q-B2 QR-R1

20. Q-K2 B-Q2 23. P-B5!

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23. R-KP 26. P-KQch. P-B3

24. Q-B3 KtxP 27. PxP QxQP

25. BxKt KPxP 28. O-O-O Resigns

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RYU LOPEZ

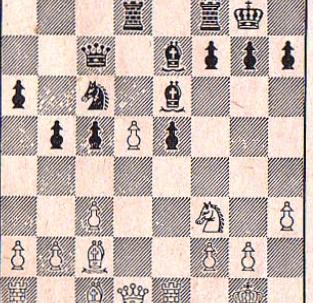
U. S. Championship Preliminaries Area 6 Tournament

Notes by R. J. Crittenden

White W. H. WATTS Black L. J. ISAACS
1. P-K4 P-K4 10. B-B2 P-B4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 11. P-Q4 P-B4
3. B-K5 P-QR3 12. Q-KB2 Kt-B3
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 13. PxP Pxp
5. O-O B-K2 14. Kt-B1 B-Q2
6. R-K1 P-QK4 15. Kt-K3 QR-Q1
7. B-K3 P-Q3 16. Kt-Q5 KtxKt
8. P-B3 O-O 17. PxKt B-K3?

After 17. B-K3

Isaacs



Watts

Overlooking the combination by which White obtains an almost won position.

18. BxP ch. KxP If 18. Kt-R1, then 19. Kt-R4 P-Kt3 (20. Q-R5 was the threat); 20. KtxP ch., P-Kt3 (not 20. Kt-B3, Q-R5 ch., Kt-B2; 22. Q-R6 ch., Kt-B3; 23. B-Kt5 ch., K-B4; 24. P-Kt4 mate); 21. BxP and the threat of 22. Q-R5 ch. with a probable mate should decide.

19. Q-B2 ch. K-K1 21. B-Kt5 B-B3

20. PxP Pxp

Of course not 21. BxP?; 22. KtxB with an easy win.

22. Q-K4 R-04 24. Q-K14 ch. K-B2

23. BxP Pxp 25. Kt-R4 Kt-K2

The Rook was threatened by 20. Kt6 ch.

25. Kt7 ch., K-B7; R-B2 (forced); 28. Kt-K6 ch., K-K1 or Q1; 29. Q-K8 ch., followed by QxR ch.

26. Q-R5 ch. K-K2 27. R-K3 P-K5

The only move, if now 28. R-Kt5 ch?, QxR wins a piece.

28. Q-Kt4 ch. R-K14 29. QxP K?

29. QxP (K6) was correct, for now he wins the pawn on K4 also.

29. Kt-Q4 30. KR-K1

Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. MarchandDept. of Mathematics
University of Rochester,
Rochester 3, New York30. Kt-B5 32. P-KK13 KtxP
31. Kt-B1 R-KR1

Grabbing pawns is not a good practice when one's King is in such an exposed position.

33. Kt-B3 R-B4 37. QxP Q-K12 ch.
34. Kt-K2 Q-KB2 38. Q-K4 Q-B1

35. Q-Kt6 ch. Kt-K4 39. H-R4 H-K4

36. KtxKt RxKt 40. RxP QxR

Drawn.

If 40. KxR; 41. R-R1 ch., K-K2 (or 41. Kt-K1; 42. Q-K6 ch., K-B1; 43. R-R8 ch. etc.); 42. Q-R7 ch., K-B1; 43. Q-R8 ch. etc. At this point Black offered a draw which White accepted. However, White can win by 41. Q-K7 ch., K-K3; 42. QxP, for if 42. R-R4; 43. Q-K6! R-R7 ch.; 44. K-B3, and if 44. Q-R1 ch.; 45. Q-K5 ch! In either case, White should win.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Simultaneous Exhibition, Dallas, 1947

Only game lost by Horowitz out of thirty-four boards

Notes by Richard Harrell

White J. A. HOROWITZ Black R. HARRELL

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-QB3

Unorthodox, but eminently logical. The plan is to secure Qd4 and avoid trading a center pawn for Black's pawn.

3. P-K3

2. P-Q4? is playable here since the White Kt cannot reach QB3, but Black chooses differently.

3. P-Q4 Kt-B3

This looks like tempting the gods; P-Q4 seems more natural, after which Black can trade Queens with nothing worse about his game than an isolated P. 3. P-Q4; 4. QxP (if 4. P-K4, P-K3 and Black has a favorable variation of the French Defense); BxP; 5. PxP; 6. QxQ, PxQ. The text deliberately allows White to advance his pawns in the belief that they will be weak.

4. P-Q5 Kt-K4 6. P-Q6

5. P-KB4 Kt-K3

The only logical procedure; White is bent on choking his opponent to death.

6. Kt-B3 7. P-K5 Kt-Q4

The course of the game is already decided; the outcome will depend not on tactical errors, but upon the basis of which player's idea is correct. White has chances for a direct attack, whereas if Black is ever able to liberate himself, he will have the better end game because of the loose White pawns.

8. Kt-KR3 P-B5!

P-QB4 must be prevented; Black cannot afford a further congestion of position.

9. BxP Q-R5 ch. 10. Kt-B2

11. Kt-K13 KtxP (K13)xBP

A sad slip—the capture with the other Kt is far stronger; 10. Kt(Q4)xKtP; 11. Kt-K8 (there is nothing better). White is now weak against the threat of KtxKtP followed by QxB, Kt-K7 ch.; 12. Kt-B1, QxB ch.; 13. KxKt, KtxP with a quick fumetto of the QB and Black must surely win—the QP will undoubtedly fall also.

11. KtxKt Kt-Q13 ch. K-R3

12. Kt-B3 38. R-K13 ch. K-R3

He naturally avoids exchanges.

13. R-B8 44. K-K3 R-Q4

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14. Kt-Qd

After 30. P-K8 Black can either gobble the Rop and KtP or maneuver White out of the OP.

15. K-K6 38. R-K13 ch. K-R3

16. Kt-K13 KtxP 39. Kt-K15

This makes the win more difficult due to Bishops of opposite colors.

17. R-B1 35. R-B6 P-B3

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solid and in the sequel White ruins himself by "attacking."

22. P-QR2 Kt-K6 23. P-R5

A bit hasty. 23. P-QK7 to keep the Black Kt off B4 would offer better chances of success.

23. Kt-B5 24. PxP!

Not too much danger here, since the Black K-side can never join the defense; even after this sacrifice White still in effect plays a piece to the good.

24. Kt-B5 25. RxP

25. PxP, Kt-B3; 26. R-R3 (in such positions keep off the color of your opponent's B—thus not R-R2), R-R1; 27. Kt-R1, Kt-B2 (to prevent Kt-B6 after P-KK3) and Black's K-side will finally get into the fight.

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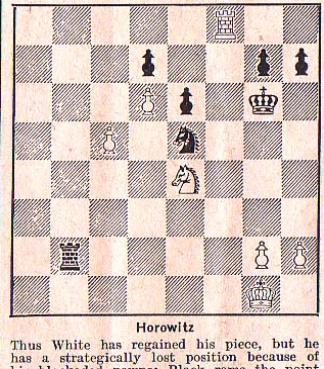
27. R-B5 RxKt 31. R(R8)xB RxR

28. R-R8 ch. K-B2 32. RxR Kt-K13

30. R-B1 ch.

After 32. RxR

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Thus White has regained his piece, but he has come out of his blockaded pawns; Black rams the point home with inexorable logic.

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U. S. C. F. Invites Suggestions

U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT CONCERN'S EVERY U. S. PLAYER

Pres. Wagner Invites Suggestions From All Chess Players On Procedure

In a letter to USC Directors, USCF Club Chapters, Chess Publications, and Chess Editors (text published in this issue of CHESS LIFE), President Elbert A. Wagner has invited the chess playing public of the United States to lend their council and assistance in formulating a perfected procedure for the conducting of the next U. S. Championship Tournament.

As CHESS LIFE indicated in an editorial on January 5th, and as others have commented as well, the 1946 U.S. Championship in its break with tradition justified that break in principle, but experimentally failed to overcome all the minor obstacles that such a break occasioned.

Recognizing that this would be the result of any first experiment, President Wagner feels that wisdom and justice alike command the course of asking the chess players of the United States to lend their brains and judgement to the task of correcting these minor flaws.

Elements of time and space, questions of qualification, factors of proper zoning of the country into representative districts all enter into the general problem. The practical solution and the absolute just solution may always remain two separate and irreconcilable conditions; but a blending between the practical and the just must be sought.

The time of year again is an open question: whether the tournament should be held in spring, summer or fall. Many factors enter into a decision for any particular season. Whether it is wise to hold the qualifying tournaments in regional areas in one year, and the final U. S. Championship in the year following is another pertinent thought that must be considered.

On these and many other points President Wagner indicates that the USCF would welcome the suggestions of all chess players. See Column 3 and 4 for Text of President Wagner's Letter.

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DISTANCE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO CHESS FANS

Traveling nearly 300 miles, a team from Twin Falls (Idaho) saluted to Salt Lake City (Utah) to match chess skill with players of the new-born YMCA Chess Club—Salt Lake City. Salt Lake was represented by L. N. Page (former city champion), Irwin W. Taylor (newly crowned city titleholder) and H. A. Dittman. Twin Falls relied on Mel Schubert, Donald M. Murphy and Lloyd Kimpton. The final score in the double round event was 5½-½ in favor of Salt Lake City. Schubert salvaged the half-point by drawing one of his games against Page. About thirty spectators were present at the match which received full publicity in the Salt Lake papers.

OKLAHOMA UNIV. STUDENT CHESS CLUB TAKES LIFE

The University of Oklahoma Student Chess Club was re-activated on February 21 with eighteen members. James Moody was elected president and Wilmer Miller secretary. Plans were drawn for club tournaments and intercollegiate matches.

After the organization of the club and election of officers, the members participated in a simultaneous exhibition given by Dr. Kester Svendsen, associate professor of English, the faculty sponsor. Playing against two or three in consultation at each board, Svendsen won six, lost one and drew one. Prior to the games, Svendsen demonstrated the Knight's Tour blindfolded.

HOROWITZ MEETS JUNIOR TALENT AT TORONTO (CAN)

Facing forty boards of eager junior chess players in Toronto on February 21, I. A. Horowitz, found that juniors were not easy pickings even for an experienced campaigner. Horowitz lost no games, but he was forced to concede seven draws to his youthful opponents.

Barbara Nixon (Deer Park School), Walter Preston (Parkdale Collegiate), and Counte Duggan (Danforth Tech.) were three who held triumphantly to draws. In consultation games D. Rothenberg, B. Gair, and R. Cleo (all of U.T.S.) drew not one, but two games in concert. Ernest Baldwin and David Douglas (both of Parkdale Collegiate) paired for a draw, as did Bob Taylor and Gerald Helleiner (both of Brown Public School).

The simultaneous exhibition was followed by a lecture on the principles of chess, which was eagerly heeded by spectators as well as players, including school principals and teachers and pupils from approximately twenty-three schools.

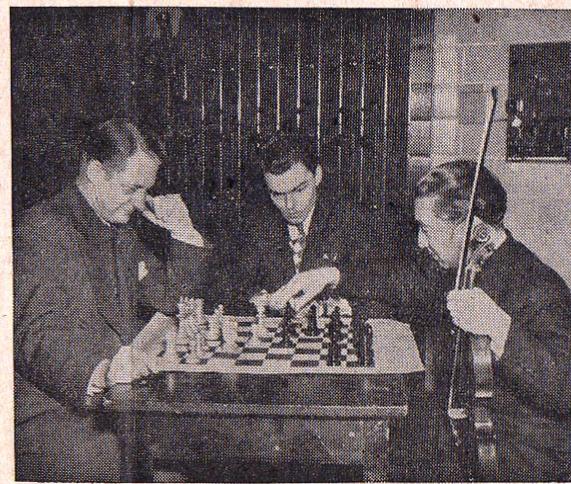


Photo: Courtesy Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph
Henri Temianka, right, concert violinist, takes a short rest during rehearsals for an appearance with the Harrisburg (Pa.) Symphony Orchestra by testing the chess skill of local conductor, George King Raudenbusch, left, of the Pennsylvania Capital City, while John D. French, USCF Director and President of the Harrisburg Chess Club acts as kibitzer.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT WAGNER'S LETTER

THE Tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States is a subject to which much earnest thought has been given by many people who desire that America's highest chess classic be conducted in the manner which is most likely to insure complete success. So much has been said and written since the close of the sixth Championship Tournament last November that a statement to the chess players of the United States concerning the conduct of future tournaments should be made.

The first five tournaments included among the contestants the top players of the country and maintained a high level of playing strength. Notwithstanding these tournaments had much in their favor, there were two major respects in which they were deficient. As a practical matter, they were limited to chess players who lived in or near to New York City and, except for a relatively few master players whose past records indicated that they were of championship calibre, there was no reasonable opportunity for others to make the select group who took part in the finals for the national championship. It was to remedy these defects that the change in the sixth Championship Tournament was effected in 1946.

In a clean break with tradition, the Championship Tournament of 1946 was thrown open to every player in the country. This resulted in the appearance of players in the finals who, under the old system, would never have had the opportunity of vying for national honors. That this method was an experiment was freely conceded from the outset, and the resolution which authorized it was specially directed toward the sixth Championship Tournament. Hence, although the principle of truly nation-wide participation in the championship play has been established and is here to stay, we are not committed to any particular method by which it shall be accomplished. That question remains for decision and it is one for determination by the Directors of the U. S. Chess Federation.

The aspect of the problem which calls for the exercise of the greatest ingenuity is that which relates to the preliminary, or qualifying, play. Distance may in some respects lend enchantment, but in making plans for chess competition it adds immeasurably to the headache of those who endeavor to promote and manage tournaments. To be truly national in character, the way should be kept open for every player in any State to take part in the preliminary trials. In general, however, the strongest chess players are found in the large centers, and any practical treatment of the question makes it necessary to hold the qualifying rounds near to these places. A recognition of this fact is a step, but only a short one, toward the ultimate goal. Questionnaires have been submitted to those who were active in the conduct of the 1946 tournament and a number of suggestions for improvement, many of them meritorious, have been put forward. None has yet been received which can be regarded as a complete solution.

Many have suggested that the Championship Tournament be played in the summer time when the players can more easily arrange their affairs in order to take part, rather than in the spring of the year when the first five tournaments were played, or in the fall when the 1946 championship event was held. This suggestion contains much merit, and serious thought should be given as to whether or not it should be adopted.

(Please turn to page 3, column 1)

ACCOMPANIST TO CONCERT ARTIST MUST PLAY CHESS!

Henri Temianka, concert violinist of San Francisco, Calif., carries sets of both pocket-size and full-scale chessmen with him on all his tours. His first question on hiring an accompanist is: "Do you play chess?" The violinist likes to kill the long hours on his constant train trips in chess. He feels he has played more "chess miles" than any other traveler.

The concert performer learned the game as a child. He has played in many tournaments and exhibitions when not too deeply occupied with his "Strad" violin, and played against George Koltanowski and E. Bogoljubov. The latter he played a match in Scandinavia during a tour by both. Bogoljubov was to play in a tournament and was badly in need practice. He asked Temianka to play with him to improve his game. "It was nice to have a chess master almost begging you to play him a game of chess. The results were not so pleasant, however," Temianka added.

A great lover of chess, it is necessary for the violinist to set an alarm clock beside him while playing chess so that he will not forget that he has to play a concert. At least once he rode right past his train station, so deeply engrossed were he and his accompanist.

In Russia on his last concert tour Temianka was pleased to discover that the main function of train porters there was not to provide cards as in America, but to see that chess sets were available to the passengers. "It was quite nice, although as soon as I would start a game, the passengers would all crowd around to see how good this visiting violinist was."

During his visit to Harrisburg, Penna., where he appeared with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, Temianka found time between rehearsals to test the chess skill of the Orchestra Conductor, George King Raudenbusch and USCF Director John D. French, president of the Harrisburg Chess Club.

J. LEVIN SIMUL AT GERMANTOWN 2 DRAWS, 11 WINS

On February 12, Jacob Levin, Philadelphia lawyer and exponent of forceful chess, gave a convincing demonstration of why he placed fourth in the 1946 U. S. Championship finals, by winning eleven and drawing two in a thirteen board simultaneous against the strongest players of the Germantown YMCA Club. Saul Wachs, Pennsylvania Junior Champion, and Ben Ash were the stubborn holders of the draws.

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AMONG the letters that reach this editor's desk are many that intrigue him with their theories and speculations—but time, alas, is always short, and so they slip from his reluctant grasp without the opportunity for exploration. Most recently comes a communication from Ambrose Gring, New England Problemist, with an ingenious and novel suggestion which is forwarded with the thought of equalizing the position for Black. Space permitting in the near future, we will publish Mr. Gring's ideas.

But—muses the editor—must we accept the initial thesis that Black rests under such a definite initial inferiority as Mr. Gring assumes? Must we concede the abstract truth of Weaver Adams' belief that the opening position is a problem, White to play and win? What does the verdict of statistics reveal?

In an article "Is the First Move An Advantage" by W. F. Streeter (which was published in the May 1946 issue of *Chess Review*) the author reveals some interesting figures which were compiled originally at the request of USCF President Wagner and USCF Executive Vice-President Giers. In the period 1851-1932 (figures covering 5598 games studied) Mr. Streeter found that White won 35%; Black won 31%; and 31% were drawn. In the final period of 1919-1932 White held 37% in wins, Black 26% and draws increased to 37%.

We cannot deny these figures as asserting that White does hold an edge in play. However, it does not seem so definite an edge that any drastic changes are in immediate order. In tournament play, the victor plays with Black as frequently as with White. The advantage automatically levels off. And this modest pusher-of-wood is willing to concede that even if he were offered White in every round of a National Tournament, he would not expect that minute advantage to counterbalance the skill and talent of more experienced players.

Chess has its moments of stagnation, to be sure, when every opening seems thoroughly analysed and no new lines of play seem possible. But history has shown these periods merely the reflection of the weary chess players of that day, for in every instance new blood has shattered the old formulas and found new, aggressive ideas which were present all the time, merely waiting for exploitation.

Let us not yet for a while buy burial wreaths for chess as we know it—those who tried it before, merely wasted their sorrow and their money.

Guest Editorial

By Dr. Kester Svendsen,

Secretary-Treasurer, Oklahoma State Chess Association

THE revival of organized chess in Oklahoma should encourage average players in small communities to discover how easy it is to promote a local club, to stage inter-city matches, and even to form a state association. When the writer took up the game in 1943, he played with a colleague or two at first and later suggested to a few more that regular meetings be held in one another's homes. Soon some students on the campus became interested and got up a club of their own which was instrumental in bringing George Koltanowski to the University for an exhibition. Visitors to that event from nearby Oklahoma City met the Norman group, and last year a couple of matches were played between the Oklahoma City chess club and the student-faculty group. Shortly after Koltanowski's second exhibition in Tulsa, Norman, and Oklahoma City, several of us corresponded about a state tournament, with the result that players from all over the state met during the Christmas holidays on the invitation of the Oklahoma City chess club and formed the Oklahoma Chess Association, the first business of which was to conduct the first annual two-day tournament. Now the three major groups in the state are going stronger than ever, and the University of Oklahoma Student Chess Club plans to field a team and challenge other schools. Officers, a constitution, official letterhead, and affiliation with the USCF will give the state organization prestige and permanence.

The chief point of interest in this is that two of the five people most active in promoting the revival are duffers. Even a player as green as the writer can memorize the Knight's Tour and play simultaneous exhibitions against beginners; the interest aroused by such displays results in more and better chess players. Duffers who are timid about appearing against a master have jumped at the chance to try their wits for free against a local player, and the games lost or drawn by the

exhibitor are the best investment he makes. A letter to the sports page of the local newspaper will bring calls from other players who are unaffiliated. A lecture or a demonstration or two at the YMCA or before other groups will work wonders. If enough players request, libraries will subscribe to chess periodicals and add chess books to the shelves. Sporting goods stores can be persuaded to dress a window or part of one with chess sets and books and add a card with the address of the club or a player. The possibilities are endless.

And perhaps the best part about the whole affair for the duffer who does all this promotion is that his own play improves in spite of itself.

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CHESS PUBLICITY

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

IT may be paradoxical to devote newspaper space to a discussion of publicity, but there seems ample justification in the fact that dissemination of chess news in most localities has been, and still is, suffering from a bad case of neglect. Giving full credit to the publishers of our national chess magazines, the editors of chess columns published regularly in some twenty newspapers, and to those who are doing a notable job of publicizing local activities and major tournaments, we might as well admit that chess publicity, by and large, is quite inadequate in view of the tremendous chess interest from coast to coast.

That chess is entitled to its full share of publicity can hardly be disputed. If many hundreds of papers carry daily articles on the fine points of a certain card game, the strategy of the royal game should likewise be featured for the enjoyment of countless readers interested in chess. As to news of chess activities, local, state and national, these, of course, properly belong to a newspaper as do other news.

Let us not make the mistake, however, of blaming the newspapers for the lack of publicity. City editors are generally glad to get news and to publish them. In most cases, if assured of sufficient reader interest, they will give liberal space also to special chess features.

No, the fault usually lies with the chess players who neglect to furnish the papers with proper news material, in clear and presentable form, and who have not brought to the editor's attention the constantly growing popularity of chess. Successful chess organizers know the value of publicity. In many cases, effective use of publicity has been the chief reason for the success of their efforts.

A good example may be found in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's state capital. Chess players in that city had been little heard of and there was no organized chess activity until USCF Director John D. French took matters in hand last July. Harrisburg now has a booming chess club of about fifty members. Four clubs have been organized in nearby communities, with two more in the process of formation. Junior chess promotion has received particular attention. There are clubs in eight high schools, banded together into a league, and this number is expected to reach more than twelve before the end of the school term. The Harrisburg city fathers will soon be asked to include chess in the summer playground schedule and there is strong likelihood that a plan similar to the Milwaukee system will be adopted.

As a newspaperman connected with the Harrisburg Telegraph, Mr. French has waged a militant campaign for chess in the Harrisburg press which, no doubt, has been a prime factor in making his city chess-conscious. To quote from one of his recent letters:

"In the publicity line it has been amazingly simple. I, of course, am a member of this paper. There are two other papers in the city, but both of them have cooperated to such an extent that I have had more than one item a week on chess in each of the three for a number of months past. The papers are willing to go along as I write a separate weekly story for each of them, thus they need not worry about printing the same thing, word for word, that the other papers have."

"Pictures have also been exclusive with either one paper or the other. The enclosed is the fourth picture that I have had taken of chess in action. It has worked out nicely and brought in many members."

One of the strongest advocates of greater chess publicity is Gene Collett of the West Virginia Chess Association, Editor of the USCF Club Manual now nearing completion. The Manual will set forth, in some detail, the proper use of publicity and, without having seen the manuscript, I am sure that many of Mr. Collett's suggestions will prove of great value to our clubs.

However, let's not wait until the Club Manual is published before we set the wheels in motion for more adequate chess publicity. It will be to the advantage of every club to cooperate closely with local newspapers and to obtain its fair share of publicity. Coming articles in this series will deal with other aspects of chess publicity.

According To A. Sid. Test

A friend of mine has a hand-carved chess set which he proudly brings to the club; but it doesn't help him win any more games. It is the hand that moves them, and not the pieces that win the game.

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Many a blusterer has met his match in a quiet sort of a fellow who didn't brag—remember that every pawn in the game is a potential queen.

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In life and chess it is not what your title is, but what you do; a pawn can be more dangerous than a rook in the right situation.

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A friend of mine calls a forced mate, the "shotgun wedding" in chess—the King is bashful but helpless. But if he had the right environment, he wouldn't get into trouble; chess pieces are like people, they are victims of their surroundings.

Who's Who In American Chess

Kester Svendsen

The chess activities of Dr. Kester Svendsen, associate professor of English at the University of Oklahoma, illustrate what the average player with many demands on his time can accomplish for the royal game in his community. When he began to play in 1943, there was no organized chess at the University and very little in the state.

Upon the formation of the Oklahoma Chess Association, he was elected secretary-treasurer and was instructed to draft the constitution. He reported the first annual tournament for the newspapers and obtained excellent publicity for the event and for chess.

Kester Svendsen

During all of this promotion, he has carried on his regular duties as a faculty member, acted as moderator for a weekly radio round-table on literature, written weekly book reviews for the Sunday paper, contributed to the United States Quarterly Book List of the Library of Congress and to other learned journals.

Dr. Svendsen's interest in chess extends beyond play and promotion. For the past two years he has been collecting materials for a bibliography of chess fiction in English and an anthology of the best chess stories, and with the result that the bibliography has grown beyond five hundred items. In another year, he thinks, he will have them all, from Horatio Alger's story of the chessplayer who made good to Stefan Zweig's about the one who failed.

Bela Rozsa

Born in Kecskemet, Hungary in 1905, Bela Rozsa grew up surrounded by great music and musicians. His father was the leading baritone of the Vienna and Budapest Operas and later was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

Coming to America at the age of sixteen, Dr. Rozsa finished his undergraduate studies at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. While a student at this school he was awarded on two consecutive years prizes for Chamber Music Composition. He graduated with high honors in 1928

and then did graduate work in Paris, France, and with the famous German composer, Arnold Schoenberg. He received his Ph.D in Composition at the State University of Iowa.

Dr. Rozsa has had concert tours throughout Central Europe, Canada and the United States. He was a member of the Musical Staff of the National Broadcasting Company and Mutual Broadcasting Company, New York, for eight years, and at present is Head of the Music Theory, professor of piano and organ, and Chairman of Graduate School of Music at Tulsa University.

Dr. Rozsa started to play serious chess in 1939. By 1940 he won the North Texas Championship, in 1942 the Southwestern Championship, and in 1945 played in the Master Class of the U.S. Open Tournament at Peoria, Illinois. In 1946 he became the first recognized Oklahoma State Champion.

Bela Rozsa

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

Dear Sir:

Symbolism In Chess

The question is often asked regarding the game: "What comparison in this war game does each piece have to the branches of a real army?" I have come to what may be a precise answer and one which is an answer in the most general sense.

In general, the King may be likened to the General of an army; with conservative actions and destructive intent he stands in his headquarters and fires commands to the Queen, representative of the Air Force because she possesses the greatest quantitative and qualitative mobility.—And the Rooks, representative of the Sea Force which "sails down the field" so to speak and which backs up many a landing; and the Land Forces composed of the Bishop who symbolizes the psychological destructiveness of a direct, indirect and slanted assault; and the Knight who seems like Cavalry in the modern sense of the word—combining tanks, engineering and paratroop tactics; and the Pawn or Infantry. Thus in chess all branches of the service are symbolized in general. Of course, Chess is a game fit for Thor, the War God.

ROBERT T. DURKIN,
Ventnor City, New Jersey.

PRESIDENT WAGNER'S LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

To give fuller opportunity for effective preparation it may be advisable to conduct the preliminaries for the next championship in 1948 and to hold the seventh United States Chess Championship Tournament in 1949. This question, too, will be a matter for the Directors to decide.

The Federation Directors will have to consider many factors and should take action with respect to the matter in full session. The annual meeting at Corpus Christi will provide a favorable opportunity. Meantime, the question will not be allowed to remain dormant.

The opinions of the committee members have been solicited and are gratefully acknowledged. The subject is not limited however to a few, even though their competency be conceded. It is one which concerns every player in the United States, whether he is a possible championship contestant or one who confines his activities to club tournaments. The views of all are desired so that the Directors may have the benefit of every possible suggestion.

To that end, I invite all chess players, wheresoever in the United States they may live or play their chess, to write to me and express their views on this basic subject. Every reasonable suggestion will be carefully considered and submitted to the Directors at their annual meeting.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, U. S. Chess Federation

MARSHALL CHESS (DETROIT) DRAWS WINDSOR (ONT.)

On February 27 the Marshall Chess Club (Detroit) sallied across the waters to meet the Windsor (Ontario) Chess Club on their home ground. The final results of the hard-fought battle was a draw.

Marshall Chess **Windsor Chess**
 Pilawski 1 Gale 0
 Wright 0 Blake 1
 Roberts 0 Greenhalf 1
 Black 0 Schajlo 1
 Phelps 0 Simkin 1
 Pratt 1 Matis 0
 Boehm 1 Ezra 0
 Witkowski 1 Roche 1
 George 1 Seiden 1
 Marshall Chess 4½ Windsor Chess 4½

LEAGUE SEASON NEARS END IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Play nears the end in both the Cleveland Chess Association team matches and the two divisions of the Cleveland Industrial Chess League. The Pawns Club have the title in a firm grip in the Chess Ass'n group and the Post Office team holds the Industrial First Division Title just as firmly. National Carbide Co. team leads the Second Division of the Industrial League.

Cleveland Chess Association

	Games	Matches
Pawns Club	48½-13½	6-0
Checkmate Club	56-52	5-2
Lakewood Chess	42½-33½	4-2
South Euclid Chess	31-37	3-3
N.Y.C. "Y" Chess	26½-19½	2-3
Kings of Chess	15-23	1½-2½
Brooklyn Chessnuts	22-54	1-6
Queens Women's Chess	6½-36½	1-4½

Industrial Chess League

	Games	Matches
Post Office	39½-6½	6-0
Parker Appliance	17½-8½	3½-1
Telephone Co.	33-19	5-2
Murray-OHIO	24-14	3-2
Atlantic Tool	25½-22½	3½-2½
Strong-Cobb	14½-25½	1-4
New York Central	12-28	1-5
Graphite Bronze	16½-37½	2-5
Quality Tool	5½-26½	0-5

Industrial Chess League

	Games	Matches
National Carbon	12-2	2-0
Lubri-Zol	6½-5½	1-1
Sears-Roebuck	4½-11½	0-2

Pawns 4½ Cleveland 3½

The Correspondence Chess League of America Elects New Set of Officers



Erich W. Marchand

H. G. Tyler (Mass.) became 2nd vice-president; W. J. Prewitt (Calif.) secretary; W. F. Gladney (La.) treasurer; J. W. Jenkins (N. Y.) tournament director.

Board of Directors (elected for three years): C. W. Hardinge (Minn.); A. Y. Hesse (Md.); and A. Powers (Colo.). Alternate directors are: L. C. Hibbard (N. J.) and M. O. Meyer (Calif.).



William M. Byland

Annual election for the CCLA spelled several changes in the slate of officers. There are several new faces, and new jobs for old faces in the newest set-up of one of America's oldest chess organizations—an affiliate of the USCF.

Erich W. Marchand (Games Editor for CHESS LIFE) became the new president, while USCF Vice-President Wm. Byland became 1st vice-president of the CCLA.

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MINN. CHESS CLUB HAS SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL PLAYERS

Beginning with a session on Thursday evening, February 20, the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club acted as hosts to forty high school players who assembled under the sponsorship of Robert Gueydan, Melvin Janowitz and Sheldon Rein for the purpose of organizing the high schools into a chess league. After the organizational proceedings, a lecture on the KP openings was given by Caleb Anderson. And this series of lectures on openings and other phases of chess play will be continued every Thursday afternoon while the Minneapolis club continues to act as host to the high school players. Lectures are scheduled by George Barnes, Charles Hardinge and Caleb Anderson, while junior players Melvin Janowitz and Sheldon Rein deserve the credit for the promotion of the idea and the organizing of the various school groups.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

U. S. C. F.

Wednesday, August 13, 1947
At Corpus Christi, Texas

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday and Friday,
August 14-15, 1947

ALBERT MARTIN RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPION

Even a roaring blizzard failed to halt the annual Washington's Birthday weekend tournament which decides the annual Rhode Island State Chess Championship, although the weather limited the number of entries. Albert Martin became the new State Champion in this traditional event which has been held annually ever since the Rhode Island Chess Association was founded in 1887.

The Greater Providence YMCA Chess Club celebrated National Chess Month with a stirring victory over the Attleboro (Mass.) Chess Club at their home quarters in the Providence YMCA. The score was 11-4 in favor of Providence.

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FORD (DETROIT) PERFECT HOST TO EDISON CHESS

The Ford Chess Club of Detroit entertained the Edison Chess and Checker Club in a return match on February 3, and acted as perfect hosts for the occasion, serving the visitors an excellent dinner as a starter and then accepting defeat philosophically with the score of 11-4 in favor of their guests.

Edward I. Treend, acting jointly as secretary of the Edison Club and secretary of the USCF, made a brief talk on behalf of the USCF and its work for chess before the match began. As a result of his eloquence the Ford Chess Club applied immediately for a charter as a chapter, and fifteen individual players took out memberships.

Edison Chess	Ford Chess
O'Keefe 1	O'Neill 0
Roberts 1	Bishop 0
Watson 0	Poli 1
Birchford 0	Kockrich 1
Hodder 1	.....
Treend 1	Hauswirth 0
Baer 0	March 1
Mason 1	Teichman 0
Gunnis 1	Lichtenheld 0
Streed 0	Ford 1
Partch 1	Lindberg 0
Shaw 0	Khabaef 1
Szabo 1	Scholtz 0
Frankenfeld 1	Grunheid 0
Gilbert 1	Buxton 0

Edison Chess 11 Ford Chess 4

MORAL VICTORY GOES TO WHITES IN DRAWING REDS

In the Germantown YMCA Chess Club (Philadelphia) the moral victory went to the Germantown Whites (or Gremlins) in drawing their match in the Philadelphia Chess League with the senior Germantown Reds. The Whites (composed of players under eighteen) also topped the Reds in the final standings of the Philadelphia League. Results of the epic civil war engagement at Germantown:

Germantown Reds	Germantown Whites
A. Saxon 0	S. Wachs 1
W. W. 2	S. Shieff 2
J. Seibert 2	C. French 0
W. Arkless 3	W. Generous 1
D. Bortman 0	T. Horner 1
Mrs. M. Selensky 1	A. Nell 0

Germantown Reds 3 Germantown Whites 3

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Chess Life

Thursday, March 20, 1947

NEW CHESS CLUB SALT LAKE CITY FOR CHESS MONTH

To celebrate National Chess Month, H. A. Dittman, donor of the set of Trophies for the U.S. National Chess Championship Tournament, set the goal of a wide-awake chess club in a city that was without chess club facilities. Finding ally in Roger Freud, executive secretary of the YMCA, Dittman planned and executed a whirlwind campaign which resulted in the formation of the YMCA Chess Club—Salt Lake City with twenty-five initial members and a rapidly growing roll as additional members flocked in.

On February 28 the new YMCA Club forwarded its application for charter as a Chapter of the USCF to end a very busy and hearty first month of existence. The Salt Lake Tribune and The Desert News cooperated liberally throughout the whole organizing campaign with news stories and general publicity.

Officers of the new club are: H. A. Dittman president, Jackson Beyer vice-president, Kenneth Jones secretary, Irwin W. Taylor treasurer, and Rodger Freud (representing the YMCA) board member.

First city-wide activity of the new club was the organizing of the City Championship Tournament, which was held on February 21-23 under the Swiss System with twenty entrants. Irwin W. Taylor won the title and custody of the H. A. Dittman Trophy (which started on its rounds in 1936) with a score of 6½-½; second place went to Gleb Kashin. In a non-championship class tournament, held at the same time, Bob Harris placed first and Jim Gatehouse second.

VINCENT EATON NEW CHAMPION OF CHESS DIVAN

By virtue of his victory in a play-off match with Martin Stark, Vincent L. Eaton becomes the new champion of the Washington (D.C.) Chess Divan and holder of the Reuben Fine Trophy. Eaton, known internationally as a problemist, was the D.C. Champion in 1942 before he left Washington for service abroad in the army. In the regular rounds of the club tournament Eaton and Stark finished in a tie, ahead of Hans Berliner.

On February 22, Albert S. Pinkus played a twenty-three board exhibition at the Divan, winning twenty games, drawing with R. S. Cantwell and losing to Stuart Wagman and Don Mugridge in a session that lasted four hours and thirty minutes.

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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1946 Ohio State Tournament

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White L. FRIEDMAN **Black** C. DRISCOLL
 1. P-K4 K1-KB3 3. P-KB3
 2. P-QB4 K1-K13

This move is a matter of taste. The fact that Alekhine and Euwe have played it occasionally does not necessarily mean that it represents sound opening play. The move does not develop; it takes the natural square away from the White Kt; it weakens the White K-side position. In my opinion it is not an aesthetic move.

3. P-Q4
 Playable also is 3. P-QB4; 4. P-Q5, P-K3; 5. Kt-B3, P-Q3; 6. P-K4, P-P; 7. B-PxP, B-Kt2 (Chigorin-Alaturov, Moscow, 1935).

4. P-P Kt-P 7. Kt-K12 O-O
 5. P-K4 K1-K13 8. Kt-K2?

9. B-K3 K1-K13 8. Kt-K2?

An unnatural looking move, which however is not exploited by Black. Euwe played here 8. P-B4, but after 8. Kt-B3; 9. P-Q5, Kt-K11; 10. Kt-B3, P-QB3 his opponent (Reshevsky) hitting hard at the White center (Avro, 1938).

8. P-QB3?

Here was the moment to strike the knockout blow at the White game, and that at the 8th move! The correct move was 8. Kt-B5 and after 9. P-K2 (what else?), Kt-B3; 10. P-Q5 or 10. P-K5, then Kt-K5 wins for Black. This proves White's faulty development.

9. P-KK13 Kt-K5
 Too late!

10. Q-B1 Kt-Q2 13. QxKt P-K4
 11. B-K2 Kt-K13 14. R-Q1 Q-K2
 12. P-K5 Kt-B5

As we shall see later, because it would have cost a tempo for Black,

15. P-P K-BP 16. O-O B-K12

Compare note to move 14.

17. R-P3 K-K2 19. P-KB4 P-QB4

This loses a P, 19. RxR and then P-QB4

does not look bad here.

20. R-Rx ch. R-Rx 25. Q-R5 P-PxP

21. R-Rx ch. Q-Rx 26. P-PxP B-K4

22. Q-PxP Q-Q7 27. P-QK4! B-B3

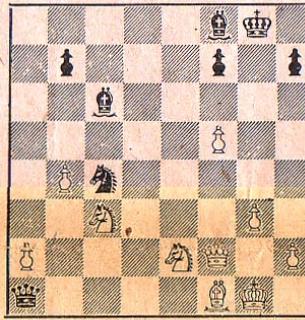
23. P-B5 Q-K8 ch. 24. QxP B-K5

24. B-B1 B-KB1 29. Q-B2 Q-R8

Drawn

After 29. Q-R8

Driscoll



Friedman

It seems that with 29. QxQ ch.; 30. KxQ, PxP Black has in his two Bishops enough compensation for the Pawn to give him a draw. However, the game was adjudged and later adjudicated (after 29 moves in a State Championship Tournament!) a draw. Let's look at just a few of the many possibilities in this position:

L. 30. Q-Q4, Kt-R6; 31. P-K5, Kt-B7; 32. Q-Q8, B-B6; 33. Q-Kt5 ch. (if 33. K-B2, Q-K8 ch., draw). K-R1; 34. Q-B6 ch. 35. Kt-K3 (or R3), QxP ch.; 36. K-K4, Kt-Q; 37. P-B7, Q-K7 with Q-B3 and wins. If however White played 35. K-R3, he will be mated, i.e. 35. K-R3, QxP ch.; 36. K-R4, Kt-Q; 37. P-B7, B-K2 ch.; 38. P-B6, BxP ch.; 39. KxR, P-R4 ch.; 40. KxP, Q-R6 mate.

In. 30. Q-Q4, Kt-R6; 31. P-K5, Kt-B7; 32. Q-Q8, B-B6; 33. Q-Kt5 ch. (if 33. K-B2, Q-K8 ch., etc. draws). K-R1; 34. Q-B6 ch. draws.

Ic. 30. Q-Q4, Kt-R6; 31. P-K5, Kt-B7; 32. Q-B2, B-B3; 33. P-K4, B-K6; 34. P-B7, BxQ ch.; 35. KxR, Q-K8 ch.; 36. K-R1, Kt-B6; 37. P-BNQ ch., Kt-K2; 38. P-B6 ch., Kt-P; 39. Q-R8 ch., K-K3; 40. R-Bt ch., K-Q8; 41. R-Kt4 ch.; 42. Q-B3; 43. Kt-R3, Kt-R3; 44. Q-B6 ch. draws.

Iid. 30. Q-Q4, Kt-R6; 31. P-K5, Kt-B7; 32. Q-B2, B-Q2; 33. P-K4 (to prevent B-B3); B-R3; 34. P-K5, BxKtP; 35. Q-K13, P-R3; 36. P-KR4, Kt-K6; 37. BxP, Q-B6 ch.; 38. K-R2, Kt-P with slight advantage for Black.

Ie. 30. Q-Q4, B-R3; 31. Q-K5 ch., K-R1; 32. Q-Q8, Kt-K13; 33. Q-K7; 34. P-K5, K-Q5; 35. Q-Q4 ch., Q-Q5; 36. Kt-Q; 37. Kt-K2, BxP and Black wins.

Iib. 30. Q-B4, Kt-Q8; 31. Q-K5 ch., K-R1; 32. Q-B6 ch., Kt-K13; 33. P-K4, B-B6; 34. K-B2, BxKt; 35. KxR (if 35. BxV7, QxR); 36. QxQ, Kt-K5 ch., Q-Kt7 ch. with Bishops of opposite color and probably draw.

Iic. 30. Q-B4, Kt-Q8; 31. Q-K5 ch., K-R1; 32. Q-B6 ch., Kt-K13; 33. P-K4, B-B6; 34. K-B2, BxKt; 35. KxR (if 35. BxV7, QxR); 36. QxQ, Kt-K5 ch., Q-Kt7 ch. with Bishops of opposite color and probably draw.

Iid. 30. Q-B4, Kt-Q8; 31. Q-K5 ch., K-R1; 32. Q-B6 ch., Kt-K13; 33. Q-K13, P-R3; 34. K-B2, BxKt; 35. KxR (if 35. BxV7, QxR); 36. QxQ, Kt-K5 ch., Q-Kt7 ch. with Bishops of opposite color and probably draw.

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In conclusion I would like to say that the adjourned position is so complicated and so full of play that it is almost impossible to adjudicate it. However, this game seems to be certain that White always has a draw if he wants it, but if White plays for a win the Black side has the better winning chances. I could not find any forced win for White. The judgement of a draw seems to be a just one.

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BUDAPEST DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries

Area 6 Tournament

Notes by R. J. Crittenden

White Black
 M. SURGIES F. STOPPEL

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 8. Q-B2 KtxKt(P)
 2. P-QB4 P-K4 9. KtxKt(Q) P-Q0

3. P-PxP Kt-K5 10. O-O P-Q3
 4. Kt-Q2 B-Kt5 11. P-QR3 B-Q5

5. Kt-B3 Kt-Q3 12. P-KQ4 B-K5
 6. P-KK3 Q-K2 13. R-K1 Kt-K5

7. B-K2 KtxKp 14. Kt-KB P-BxP
 8. Kt-KB Kt-KB 15. Kt-BxP

This sacrifice is unsound, for Black hasn't the slightest chance of an attack.

15. P-B5 KtxR 16. Kt-Kt Q-B3 ch.

This move constitutes the beginning and end of Black's attack.

17. K-Kt B-B4 19. B-Kt2

18. P-K4 B-Kt3

The Bishop obtains a good diagonal and at the same time drives the Queen away.

19. Q-K3 20. R-KB1

Now it can be seen how useless was Black's attack, for White has gained the initiative.

20. Kt-Q4 Kt-K1 23. Q-03 Q-K3

Creating a fatal weakness in Black's King-side Pawns.

24. P-B3

B-K5 was threatened.

25. P-BxP P-BxP 27. QxP QxQ

Practically forced, for Black can't save the Pawn anyway and White would have too strong an attack.

28. RxQ R-K7 29. BxKBP

White has played the middle-game well and now enters into a Pawn ending.

29. R-KB1

This gains no end and seriously hampers the movement of Black's King.

30. B-KB3 R-QB7 31. B-R5 P-KR3

R-Kt5 mate was White's threat.

32. R-B4 K-R2

R-Kt4 ch. etc. had to be avoided.

33. B-K4 R-B8 ch. 34. K-K2 K-K13

Although this move wins a Pawn, Black is nevertheless lost.

35. B-K7 R-B8 ch. 36. K-B4 R-B8 ch.

37. BxP P-B7 ch. 40. P-B5 ch. K-Kt4

38. B-K3 R-B6 ch.

41. B-K7 ch. would have given Black drawing chances after KxR; 42. P-B6, B-R8; 43. R-B7, R-K8 ch. etc.

42. B-K7 mate was threatened.

43. B-K5 ch. K-K2 43. P-B6 ch. K-Q1

Black's game is hopeless. The Bishops are too powerful.

44. P-B7 K-K2 45. B-R5 Resigns

Black can't avoid immediate disaster in the form of 46. B-Q6 ch. A well played game by Surgies.

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GRECO COUNTER-GAMBIT

Played in Correspondence, 1947.

Notes by R. W. Bruner

White Black
 J. F. TONAR P-K4 R. W. BRUNER
 1. P-K4 P-K4 3. KtxP Kt-QB3

2. Kt-KB3 P-KB4 4. Q-R5 ch.

KtxKt retains the Pawn with a safe game for White (C. M. Burton).

4. P-KK3 6. QxP P-Q3

5. KtxP Kt-KB3

Not 6. PxKt because of 7. QxP ch.

7. Q-KB5 Kt-KR1 8. B-K5

Not 8. RxKt because of 9. BxKt ch.

10. D-BxKt breaking up the Q-side pawn formation as well as the K-side pawn.

11. Q-K2 11. BxKt

This strengthens Black's Q-side pawn formation, with a diagonal attack on White's KR as well.

11. BxKt 12. P-Q3 0-0-0

Black hopes for 13. QxRP, KtxP; 14. P-Kt, QxP ch.

13. B-Q2 14. P-KB4

This is what Black wants. While his own Kt on the Black diagonal is temporarily out of play, White's move now does not allow a double pawn defense of the KP that would have been given by 14. P-KB3. Black is still thinking of an attack on the KR.

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14. P-Q4

Pursuing the attack on the KP.

15. QxRP Now Black has the attack on the KR.

16. KtxP 16. O-O To avoid the loss of the KR.

16. KtxP

16. KtxB would remove an active piece

of Black's and allow the development of a

the active Kt for an inactive B of White's.

With the move Black made, he now gives

back the Kt advantage for the capture of

two White K-side pawns for his own loss of

three and starts a fierce attack on White's

King.

17. P-Kt2 R-Pxch. 20. K-K1 R-Kt1 ch.

18. K-B2 Q-R5 21. B-K3 R-Kt1 ch.

19. K-K2 Resigns

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1946 Intercollegiate Team

Tournament

Notes by Albert Margolis

White D. NELSON (Cooper Union)

Black D. MORRO (C.C.N.Y.)

1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15

2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. B-Q2

4. P-K5 is considered best here. The text is

very tricky.

4. PxP

4. Kt-K2 seems safer.

5. KtxK2

The text of the text is too slow and will

lose a Pawn without compensation. The cor-

rect move is 5. Q-Kt4! with the possible com-

bination 5. B-B1; 6. QxKP, Kt-KB3;

7. Q-R4, Kt-B1; 8. O-O-O with a strong game;

5. KtxK2 14. B-B4

6. P-K5 P-K5

7. P-K5

8. P-K5

9. P-K5

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Third International Match

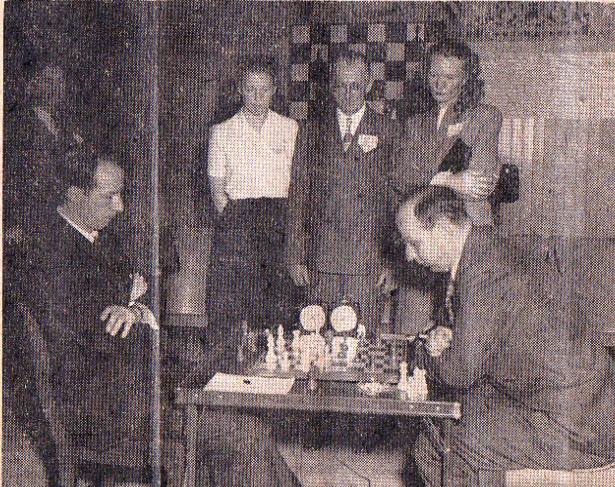


Photo: William Forman, Mount Vernon.

Olaf Ulvestad (left) in deep concentration while Arthur Dake (right) chooses his next move in their exhibition match at Mount Vernon, Washington during the third International Chess Tournament. Behind the chess table stand Mrs. Kay Allen (left) of the Seattle YWCA Club, R. C. Cannon of the Skagit County Chess Club and Miss Augusta Thomasson of the University of British Columbia.

Photo: Vernon W. Cady, Cleveland Plain Dealer Staff Photographer.

Junior chess players of Cleveland engrossed in their moves at the Junior Speed Tournament. Standing at the left is Larry Friedman, Cleveland's Speed Champion and U.S. Junior Chess Champion. The Speed Tournament is part of the Junior program of the Cleveland Chess Association which is conducted in the beautiful Treasure Room of the Cleveland Public Library on Saturday afternoons.

Puerto Rico Wins Test Radio Match Between Chicago And Puerto Rico

Sunday, March 30, witnessed the playing of a test short-wave radio match between picked teams from Chicago and Puerto Rico. Atmospheric conditions were excellent until nightfall when the band faded out and forced abandonment of play. Prior to the fading out, Chicago team Captain A. C. Margolis conceded victory to the Puerto Rican team.

The most important result of this short-wave match from the point of view of the USCF was the knowledge acquired in the practical side of short-wave matches for the future activities of the USCF Radio League, which is being organized.

In Chicago George Koltanowski acted as referee and USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., spoke briefly before the match began. In Puerto Rico Dr. Jose Gonsalvez, President of the San Juan Chess Club, and Francisco Prieto, Secretary of the Puerto Rican Chess League, said a few words of welcome.

Glenn May of Chicago (W9-JDE) was the local short-wave operator who cooperated, while in Puerto Rico the radio reception and sending was entrusted to Roger Wilson (KP4-AM) of Santurce.

MARCHAND MAKES IT A HABIT AT ROCHESTER (N. Y.)

For the fourth time Erich W. Marchand has won the City Championship of Rochester, N. Y., while other chess players of the city shake their heads and wonder if it is habit-forming. This year's tournament, however, provided a thrill in the final round battle between Marchand and Max Herzberger (tied at the time for first place). With this final victory over his rival, Marchand became the undisputed champion of the city.

Puerto Rico vs. Chicago
 A. Colon vs. P. Poschel
 M. Colon vs. D. Thompson.
 F. Benietz vs. A. C. Margolis.
 L. Rojas vs. S. Cohen.
 R. Cintron vs. E. Davidson.
 A. Higuera vs. F. Stoppel.

FORM CHESS CLUB AT VALLEY FORGE GEN. HOSPITAL

As a result of Veteran program of the Mercantile Library Association Chess Club (Philadelphia) the veterans in the Valley Forge General Hospital have formed a chess club. Pfc. Gerard Collette was elected president of the club and Cpl. Dominick Zumbo the secretary.

Under the guidance of Leon Rosenfeld of the Mercantile Club the new veteran chess group is organizing a tournament to determine the strength of its membership. In addition the program of the club calls for the teaching of chess to other interested veterans in a weekly session in the Red Cross lounge, and the development of a special program of chess for bed patients unable to attend the meetings.

ABINGTON YMCA SURPRISE SECOND IN PHILA LEAGUE

Final standings of the Philadelphia Chess League show the Mercantile Library Club team the undisputed victors with six wins and no draws or losses, including a smashing victory over Abington with a score of 5-1. The newly organized Abington YMCA Club team was the surprise runner-up with four victories, one draw and one loss. Defending champion Franklin Chess could place no better than a tie for third with North City Chess.

Final Standings	Matches	Games
Mercantile Library	6 - 0	27½ - 8½
Abington YMCA	4½ - 1½	21 - 15
Franklin Chess	3 - 3	19 - 17
North City Chess	2½ - 3	19 - 17
Germantown White	2½ - 3	18½ - 17½
Germantown Red	2 - 4	15½ - 20½
Rheem Mfg. Co.	0 - 6	2½ - 33½

LEXINGTON BESTS LOUISVILLE CLUB IN CLOSE MATCH

Invasive the Hermitage House headquarters of the Louisville Chess Club, the Lexington (Ky.) Chess Club led by Dr. Jose Puente retired triumphantly with the victory by the close score of 14½ - 13½.

Lexington	Louisville
Puente	2
Ryden	0
MacQuown	1
Long	½
Lutz	½
Kingsolver	1
Allison	1
Anderson	2
Grote	½
Golden	0
Porter	0
Putnam	2
Ringo	½
Iyland	2
Lexington	14½
Louisville	13½

NEBRASKA FORMS STATE ASS'N USCF COOPERATES

So new that the officers and Board of Directors have not yet been elected, the Nebraska Chess Association has been formed with Jack Spence of the Omaha Chess Club acting as secretary-treasurer in the interim and as editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin which has already issued its first number. A. C. Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion, is associate editor.

Organization of the State Association was with the cooperation of the USCF whose directors and members in Nebraska formed the nucleus about which the initial group was collected.

Further evidence of chess activity in Nebraska is given by the organization of a chess club in the Jewish Community Center in Omaha under the supervision of David Fishman, Director of Youth Activities. Phil Lubman was elected president of the club, Harry Feldman the secretary-treasurer; and Rabbi Mushowitz is serving as its sponsor.

MARYLAND CHESS BESTS TEAM OF CITY COLLEGE

In a six board match with the City College Chess Club, the Maryland Chess Club (Baltimore) won by the decisive score of 6-0. The victorious Maryland players were: Charles Barasch, Herbert Bernhardt, Robert Illderton, A. Quall, Joseph Snouffer, and Leo Frank.

WASHINGTON vs. BRITISH COLUMBIA THIRD TOURNEY

Under the joint auspices of the British Columbia Chess Federation and the Puget Sound Chess League of the State of Washington, the third International Chess Tournament was held at Mount Vernon (Wash.) on March 9. Washington won the match by a score of 38½ to 22½.

Seventy boards were contested in the Mount Vernon Moose Hall, scene of the battle, of which sixty-one counted officially in the match; and four hundred spectators crowded the hall to enjoy the battle of wits. Oldest player was W. D. Brewster, 87, of Seattle, Washington; youngest was Albert Creemer, 12, of Vancouver, B. C.

As a special feature of the occasion Arthur Duke of Portland, Ore., played an exhibition game against Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle, Wash., winning in 31 moves. Geo. Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, acted as referee for the exhibition game and master of ceremonies for the tournament.

Cooperating clubs for Canada were: Vancouver Chess Club, Vancouver Jewish Chess Club, City Chess Club, University Chess Club, Russian Chess Club, Mission Chess Haney Chess Club, Chilliwack Chess Club and Victoria Chess Club. Washington was represented by: Tacoma Chess Club, University of Washington Chess Club, Everett Chess Club, Bremerton Chess Club, Queen Anne Chess Club, Seattle Chess Club, Bainbridge Island Chess Club and Skagit County Chess Club, hosts for the occasion.

Third and biggest of the series, the meeting of March 9 brought happy memories of the original International Tournament at Mount Vernon when the Skagit County Chess Club acted as hosts on March 24, 1946 and Washington won. The second meeting was in Canada in July, 1946 and the Canadians had their revenge with a stirring victory. A fourth meeting is planned for the future.

GEORGE S. BARNES REGAINS MINN. STATE TITLE

In the annual Washington Day State Championship Tournament played in Minneapolis, George S. Barnes regained the Minnesota State Championship title, lost in a challenge match to former State Champion, Dr. Giles A. Koelsche. The ten leaders in the field of forty entrants were:

	Score	Points
George S. Barnes	6	23½
W. R. Jones	5	18
George Halves	4½	12
Carl F. Dillen	4	10
Sheldon Rein	4	10
David Ellison	4	14½
C. F. Weaver	4	13
Kenneth Grant	4	10½
S. Sorenson	4	10½
Dr. L. T. Knapp	4	9

In the Minor Tournament Isaiah Guttmann was victor with the score of 4½ and 12 points. Milton Otterson was second with 4½ and 11 points. Burt Kronstadt was third and Robert Youngman fourth among the eleven entries.

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TO ERR IS HUMAN BUT LET'S NOT REPEAT THIS ONE

(An Open Letter to "CHESS" and M. Botvinnik)

In the March issue of our esteemed contemporary, "CHESS," appears an article by M. M. Botvinnik in which he takes the United States Chess Federation to task severely for a proposal published in CHESS REVIEW concerning the World Championship.

About the proposal in CHESS REVIEW there is no comment. It is an interesting expression of ideas. And certainly the editors of CHESS REVIEW, as an independent chess publication, are entitled to publish their opinions and proslerte for their ideas.

But we must respectfully request that both "CHESS" and Mr. Botvinnik come to a tardy realization that the views expressed in CHESS REVIEW represent the opinions of the editors of that publication. Upon many matters of chess the USCF and CHESS REVIEW cooperate, but they cooperate as independent bodies and the policies of one are not necessarily the policies of the other.

The official statements of the policies of the United States Chess Federation are published through the medium of CHESS LIFE, usually under the signature of President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., or Executive Vice-President Paul G. Ciers. No other voice is authorized to speak for the USCF.

JOHN HAROLD BELSON

ON Thursday, March 13 John Harold Belson was the victim of a sudden seizure and passed away. Chess players in the United States will remember him as a participant in the finals of the 1934 Open Tournament in Chicago and the 1935 Open Tournament in Milwaukee where his quiet, unassuming ways coupled with his intelligent chess made him many friends.

Twice Chess Champion of Canada (in 1934 and in 1946) Belson had held the Toronto City Championship continuously almost for many years. He was victor in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1942 and 1946. There were no tournaments in 1943 and 1944.

Born in Helsinki, Finland on February 23, 1906, Belson learned his chess from an uncle but did not play seriously until after he landed in Canada in 1924. By profession he was a machinist and brass worker with the Bettie Cadillac Ltd. of Toronto.

A member of the Church of All Nations, services were conducted by the Rev. George A. Kopponen, and R. E. Martin, president of the Gambit Chess Club. C. A. Compton and Keith Kerns were among the pall-bearers.

Belson is survived by his mother, with whom he lived, and a married brother. Chess players in the United States join with those in Canada in expressing their sympathy and sorrow. Among chess players John Harold Belson will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant and unassuming gentlemen who ever played the game.

Guest Editorial

CLEVELAND WELCOMES FUTURE MASTERS

By A. R. Phillips
President, Ohio Chess Association

CLEVELAND is host to the United States Chess Federation's second national Junior Chess Championship Tournament this year. This is a fitting tribute to Larry Friedman who won the title at Chicago last year.

We, here, want to welcome the bright young men who are coming to visit us from all parts of the nation. We hope that you will leave reluctantly at the close of the tournament. May all of you come back again to visit us. Just what is in store for you here will be learned after you arrive and during the two weeks of your stay.

Our committee here is already working on plans for a program that we hope will equal, if not surpass, that of Chicago last year. Entries should be sent in as early as possible because part of this program will be planned to be especially of interest to certain ones of our guests.

Of course, we assume that Cleveland's Park System, her great airport, her library with the finest chess collection in the world, and countless other attractions are known to everyone. The tournament

this year will be spread over two full weeks so that there will be time for other enjoyments as well as Chess.

Cleveland welcomes the Chess Masters of the future!

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

THE NATIONAL JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

(Monthly Letter No. 40)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation

In the month of March two basic changes were made in the plans for the second tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States which is to be played at Cleveland next summer. The first was the passing of the following resolution by the Federation Directors:

Any boy or girl who has not yet reached his twenty-first birthday shall be eligible to enter the tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States.

The Committee on Junior Chess shall have authority to make such divisions into age groups in any particular tournament as they may consider advisable in order to encourage the younger players and to promote the general success of the tournament.

The way has thus been opened to that large group of younger players who are between 19 and 21. That this development is of great importance is readily agreed by all, even though opinions differ as to whether the change is desirable. The effect can better be judged in retrospect after the second annual junior tournament has been played.

Age groups of under 15; 15-17; 17-19; and 19-21 are natural divisions which may be used. When all of the entries are in, a somewhat different grouping may appear to be more adaptable. In any event, the highest age division will not be changed; that is to say, no boy under 19 will be required to compete against a boy over that age until the Tournament of Champions when the winner of each age group will start the final round robin for the grand national Junior Championship.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. The second forward stride, one worthy of seven league boots, was the removal of all other restrictions as to entry. Before the implications of this seemingly unqualified statement sweep me away from all moorings, let me hasten to say that there is a number beyond which accommodations cannot reasonably be made. Thus, while there is no longer any limitation upon number of players who may enter from any one State, or in any particular age group, the Junior Tournament Committee may close the entries if the total number becomes too great for convenient handling.

Entries may now be submitted, and while it is too much to say that the first 100 entries will necessarily be those which are ultimately accepted, other things being equal, the entries which are first received will be given preference over those which come in later. It will pay, therefore, to be diligent.

As has already been announced, the Cleveland sponsors of the Junior Championship Tournament have generously offered to furnish free housing to 60 players. Should the total entry exceed this figure, a possibility which is entirely likely, the committee will have to decide which of the players should be given the benefit of the housing accommodations. Here again, the fact that a player is among the first 60 entries does not necessarily mean that he will be favored in this respect (as some regard must be given to a fair distribution among the various sections of the country) but diligence in filing his entry may nevertheless be the determining factor.

Elsewhere in this issue there is an entry blank. If you want to play in the Junior Championship Tournament, read the application carefully, then send it with your entrance fee to Mr. S. S. Keeney at Cleveland.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

As stated many times, it is up to we individual players to interest others. If each of us would teach just one new player and in turn that player teach another, the results would be astounding. As for me, I am very grateful to the party that took the pains to teach me. He has given me many hours of enjoyment. Those I have taught feel grateful to me also. No one, unfamiliar with chess, can possibly appreciate the thrills on the chess board. It is up to us to put that fact across.

We formed a chess club at the office and have twelve members. There is a bee-hive of activity during the lunch period. Chess games all over the place. Occasionally we have tournaments and any unfinished games are marked up and finished at another time. When on

short time we play skittles. These short, snappy games are very exhilarating. We also play two board at once, instead of the usual one. This is very interesting also.

Bring a chess set to work with you, start playing by yourself—others will show interest. In a short time a new chess player is born.

Play chess—and live!
D. J. GRAY,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Let's idolize our Chess Champions, particularly "that guy Sam" Reshevsky.

Let's have some news or articles about them.

P. PALAZZO,
Lorain, Ohio

According To A. Sid. Test

Funny how people react to the prospect of success. The hardest game to win (and the easiest one to lose) is a "Won" position.

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Hitler didn't invent the "war of nerves." He stole the idea from some of the chess players at the local chess club.

Who's Who In American Chess

A. R. Phillips

Born on a farm in Rooks County, Kansas, Ray Phillips is nevertheless an Ohian by tradition, for his parents had moved from Ohio to "homestead" in the new country.

Because of his father's contempt for "learning" in the formal sense, Phillips had to acquire an education on his own by earning his own way through Campbell College, a small school in Holton, Kansas. Those were the days of the stereoscopic views, and on leaving college after graduation Ray made them his business, traveling all over the west selling views and organizing in colleges for a matter of over four years.

World War I intervened, and Ray enlisted in the army, attending Officer's Training. During his pre-war wanderings in 1913 Ray learned to play chess from a student at Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He has never been able to unlearn it since.

In 1943 with Stanley Prague, S. S. Keeney and others, Ray Phillips was instrumental in forming the Cleveland Chess Association, one of the ranking city chess associations with a comprehensive chess program. Phillips was president of the Association for two years and editor of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin for one year and a half.

In 1945 Ray became president of the Ohio Chess Association upon its organization and still holds that office. In 1944 he was named a Director in the USCF and has been active in USCF affairs ever since.

S. S. Keeney

Born on a farm in northern Pennsylvania in 1889, S. S. Keeney saw his first game of chess after he had finished college (Syracuse 1912) when one evening at the YMCA in Bridgeport, Conn., he watched several men playing chess. The Knight's move particularly intrigued him, so he paused to watch; and that was his downfall. Soon he was pushing the pieces himself.

Sime (as his friends call him) feels that he played better game at the end of his first three years of

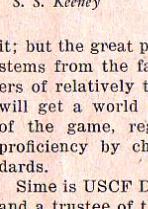
play than he does today. Single then, he played chess nearly every night and over the weekends. Championship chess, according to Sime, is for the relatively few who have almost unlimited time to devote to

it; but the great popularity of chess stems from the fact that two players of relatively the same strength will get a world of enjoyment out of the game, regardless of their proficiency by championship standards.

Sime is USCF Director from Ohio and a trustee of the Ohio chess Association. He was active in the formation of the Cleveland Chess Association and served as first chairman of its Industrial League. He is president of the Checkmate Club. Most important of all, Sime is Chairman of the "Chess for the Wounded" program of the USCF, reorganized as "Chess for Veterans"—a must on the USCF agenda for many years to come.



S. S. Keeney



The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

LEARN CHESS FAST By Sammy Reshevsky and Fred Reinfeld (\$1.00)

It is something of an achievement to compress within the scope of 144 printed pages a complete and adequate introduction to the game of chess. In "Learn Chess Fast" this miracle has been accomplished so adequately that this reviewer has no critical comments to make. The profuse use of over 300 diagrams clearly trace each step along the way, and the illustrative games have been chosen with especial care to suggest to the beginner the cardinal principles of good opening play.

There has long been a need for an adequate guide to chess play for the novice that was both lucid and inexpensive. This work of Reshevsky and Reinfeld admirably fulfills these qualifications, and is correctly subtitled "A short-cut guide to the royal game." As the joint work of the U. S. Champion and one of the outstanding annotators and writers on chess, it speaks with an authority that cannot be denied, yet is phrased so clearly that its principles can be grasped without effort.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Can You Top This One?

This game goes only eighteen moves and ends in a draw at that. Yet I consider it the most remarkable game ever played. Can you think of a better candidate?

Vienna, 1872

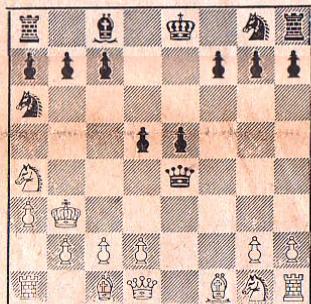
VIENNA GAME

White L. HAMPE Black J. MEITNER
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. Kt-B4? BxPch? 5. Kt-B3 B-B4 4. KxP Q-R5 ch

Black has lost no time in making the sacrifice which his opponent has provoked. The sequel is astounding.

5. K-K3 Q-B5 ch 8. K-K13 Kt-QR3
6. K-Q3 P-Q4 9. P-QR3
7. K-B3 QxP

And what would you play now for black??



S. KOWALSKI WINS NO. NEW JERSEY CHAMPIONSHIP

The North New Jersey Championship ended in the victory of Stephen Kowalski, winner of last year's New Jersey Championship Tournament at Trenton, with a score of 5-1. Second was F. Howard with a score of 4½-1½. Boczar and McCormick tied for third with 3½ each. Other finalists were Badetscher with 2½-3½, Jones with 1½-2, 3½ and Hering with 1½-5½.

ORLANDO LESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE CHESS CHAMPION

In the New Hampshire State Championship Tournament, victory went to Orlando A. Lester of Center Sandwich (N.H.) who won the title without loss of a game. A veteran of three years of overseas service, Lester is interested in music and poetry in addition to chess, and is possessor of the largest phonograph collection in his state.

At the annual meeting of the State Chess Association, concurrent with the tournament, Charles Williams of Nashua was elected president, Harry E. Fellows of Concord vice-president, and Abbot Gotshall of Sandwich, secretary-treasurer. Fred A. Barker of Manchester, who was first selected as secretary in 1918, announced his desire to retire after almost thirty years of service as secretary to the organization, prior to the election.

9. QxKtch!! 11. K-Kt4 P-R4 ch!
10. KxQ Kt-B4 ch 12. KxKt Kt-Kt4
Black is a Queen and two pieces down, but he will have no trouble in getting a draw! The immediate threat is 13., P-Kt3 ch; 14. K-Kt5, B-Q2 mate.
13. B-K5 ch K-Q1 15. K-Kt5 KtxB
14. B-B6! P-Kt3 ch!
Now the threat is 16., Kt-Q5 ch; 17. K-R4, B-Q2 mate. Hilarius would be 16. P-Q4, KtxP ch; 17. Kt-B2, B-Q2 mate!
16. KxKt B-Kt2 ch!
For if 17. KxK?, K-Q2!! and mate is unavoidable.
17. K-Kt5! B-R3 ch 18. K-B6!
Not 18. K-R4??, B-B5! followed by 19., P-Kt4 mate.
18. B-Kt2 ch!
Abandoned as a draw!

CLUB OF THE ORANGES BESTS IRVINGTON-POLISH

On March 7 the Chess Club of the Oranges in vigorous style defeated the Irvington-Polish (N. J.) Chess Club, defending Champions of the Suburban Chess League, to maintain their firm grip on first place in the league. Among the features of the match was the victory of problemist K. S. Howard over the new North New Jersey Champion, S. Kowalski.

Club of Oranges	Irvington-Polish		
K. S. Howard	1	Kowalski	0
F. Howard	½	H. Knorr	½
McCormick	adj.	Boczar	adj.
S. Kowalski	1	Rosenfeld	0
Farnham	1	Dziedzicowski	0
Stanfield	1	Westowski	0
Haug	1	Michnevich	0
Faust	1	Kopitz	0
Oranges	6½	Irvington	½

LONDON TERRACE CHESS (N. J.) BOWS TO LOG CABIN

On March 15 in the second round of the Metropolitan Chess League the Log Cabin Chess Club (West Orange, N. J.) scored a victory over the London Terrace Chess Club.

Log Cabin	London Terrace		
C. Parmelee	½	Marcel Duchamp	½
A. Boczar	0	H. M. Phillips	1
F. Howard	0	Dr. R. Schlessinger	0
T. E. Knorr	1	A. U. Townsend	0
H. Jones	1	C. Rasis	½
R. Badetscher	½	M. Fish	½
E. McCormick	1	R. Brennen	0
D. Cohen	½	M. Kramer	½
Log Cabin	4½	London Terrace	3

BOISE (IDAHO) CHESS OUTDOES TWIN FALLS CLUB

In the first chess rivalry between Twin Falls and Boise (Idaho) on March 9, the visiting Twin Falls team bowed in defeat in a double round match with the Boise Chess Club.

Boise Chess	Twin Falls Chess		
Harle	3	Schubert	1½
Stewart	2	L. E. Klimpton	0
Johnson	½	L. Klimpton	½
Pendergast	1	Murphy	1
Paul	1	Scott	1
Boise Chess	6	Twin Falls	4

CANADIAN CHESS FEDERATION TO ISSUE YEARBOOK

The Chess Federation of Canada has announced plans for the publication of its first Yearbook. Contents will include articles of Canadian chess events of the past and future, a directory of the chess clubs in Canada, and be illustrated with numerous half-tones of chess personalities and events in Canada. A limited number of these Yearbooks will be available to players in the United States. Those interested may write to D. A. MacAdam, 2084 Decarie Blvd., Montreal 28, Quebec, Canada for further details.

PARKDALE LEADS IN TORONTO (CAN.) SCHOOL LEAGUE

Parkdale Collegiate took a firm grip on the championship of the Toronto secondary school chess league by defeating the eastern section winners, Upper Canada College, in the first of two matches by the decisive score of 5-1.

Parkdale	Upper Canada		
W. Preston	1	H. Trotter	0
W. Kopers	1	R. Harris	0
E. Krawczyk	1	G. Connell	0
W. Oaker	1	D. Codounis	0
M. Glass	0	H. Stephenson	1
E. Baldwin	1	H. Sutherland	0
Parkdale	5	Upper Canada	1

LOG CABIN BOWS TO MARSHALL IN METRO. LEAGUE

In the opening round of the Metropolitan League matches the Log Cabin (N. J.) Chess Club bowed to the heavy siegeworks of the Marshall Chess Club (N. Y.).

Marshall Chess	Log Cabin Chess		
J. Donovan	0	F. Howard	1
A. Santasiere	1	A. Rothman	0
H. Fajans	1	C. Palmerick	½
B. Lasker	1	E. McCormick	0
A. Maccarini	1	L. Neidlich	0
A. Goldwater	1	T. Knorr	0
L. Evans	1	A. Boczar	0
L. Halper	1	S. Fenichel	0
R. Smirka	1	D. Cohen	0
J. Rather	adj.	H. Jones	adj.
Marshall	7½	Log Cabin	1½

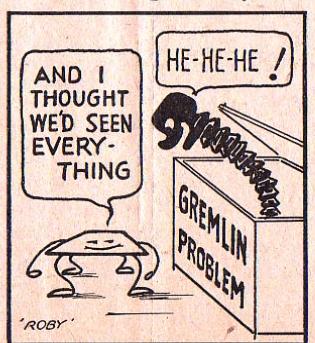
STERLING CARTER POUGHKEEPSIE-CHADWICK CHAMP.

By besting Victor Bohm in two out of three match games, E. Sterling Carter becomes champion of the Poughkeepsie-Chadwick (N. Y.) Chess Club. Carter and Bohm finished in a deadlock in the annual tournament and the playoff was necessary to decide the title. Carter gave a simultaneous exhibition (one of the duties of the new champion), scoring seven wins, two draws and one loss in his initial exhibition.

QUEENS WOMEN'S CHESS CLUB HAVE BIRTHDAY DINNER

On March 9 the Queens Women's Chess Club (Cleveland) celebrated their ninth birthday with a dinner in the "Pine Room" of Anders Restaurant in Cleveland. Many chess friends joined them for the occasion and the dinner ended in a round of social chess.

The Chess Bug Sez: by Robson



Reinfeld at work in his study.

FRED REINFELD WRITES ON CHESS FOR CHESS LIFE

With this issue CHESS LIFE welcomes on behalf of its readers the first of many contributions by the well-known chess analyst and author, Fred Reinfeld, whose column on "Chess for the Tired Business Man" will become a regular feature of the paper.

Born on January 27, 1910, Fred Reinfeld waited until the mature age of fourteen to learn chess. The record shows that he learned it thoroughly, despite the late start. Married and proud parent of a four year old son, Reinfeld has found time in a busy schedule of activity to become the World's most prolific author on chess. Of the many titles he has fathered, "Keres' Best Games" was the book Fred enjoyed most in writing.

As a player Reinfeld ranks in the upper flight. Reshevsky, Fine, Denker, Horowitz, Lasker, Pinkus, Simonson, Marshall have all bowed to his skill in tournament play, and he drew in an encounter with Alekhine. Tournament firsts include National Intercollegiate Championship, New York State Championship (twice), Marshall Chess Club Championship and Manhattan Chess Club Championship.

For several years Reinfeld served as Executive Editor of *Chester Review*, and is now chess editor for David McKay Company, and consultant for their extremely active program of chess publication.

SALEM (WASH.) CHESS CLUB WINS FROM LONGVIEW

Meeting in the club rooms of the Portland (Ore.) Chess Club—fifty miles from Salem (Wash.) and fifty miles from Longview (Wash.)—the Salem Chess Club gained a victory by the score of Salem 21 to Longview 11 in a double round match of sixteen boards. A match with Eugene (Ore.) is in prospect for the Salem Club.

To the United States Chess Federation:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States, to be played at Cleveland, June 30—July 12, 1947.

Name: _____ Please print.

Address: _____ Street number _____ City _____ State _____

Date of Birth: _____ Month _____ Date _____ Year _____

Tournaments won or titles held: _____

It is understood that free housing accommodations are to be provided for 60 players in the Junior Tournament. In the event that I am not among those to whom housing is to be given without cost, I shall..... shall not..... be able to play.

I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

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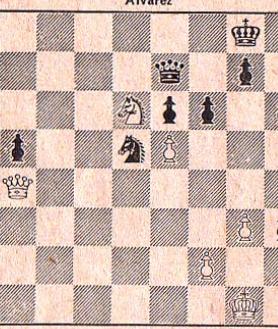
COLOMBIA vs. CUBA

Board 4, Caribbean Team
Tournament Match

Notes by Richard Harrell

White R. JIMENEZ Black A. ALVAREZ
(Colombia) (Cuba)

Adjourned Position

Jimenez
Black's preceding move only has meaning if followed vigorously by 11., P-K4! returning the extra pawn in order to free his game and weaken the White Pawns. If then 12. PxP, Kt(5)xP; 13. KtxKt, KtxKt, 14. BxKt, QxKt; 15. BxP, R-RK1 or if 12. P-KR3, Kt-R3; 13. PxP, Kt-B4.

12. P-KR3 P-P 14. Q-Q3

13. Kt-B3 15. Q-R4

With the intention of playing Kt(3)-K5.

14. Kt-B3 16. K-R1

15. Kt-K3 17. B-Q1

This Bishop will be useful either at R3 or K3.

17. B-Q2 18. P-Q5!

White smashes open the lines. If now Black accepts the Pawn, 18., PxP; 19. PxP, RtxP (if 19., QxP; 20. B-R3); 20. B-R2, P-KR3; 21. Kt-B3 and White's attack will soon begin.

Q-R6

This prevents the threatened perpetual check, but White fails to see the point.

52. Kt-B8 ch.

This is refuted but there is hardly anything better. After 53. PxP, KtxP ch. Black has still a convincing grip on the situation.

53. QxKt! 55. Q-B5

No checks, no nothing! White still has a little fight, however.

55. P-K7

P-K8(Q) 57. P-R4

Water-treading, but of a poor variety. Indeed, White's following quick collapse is traceable directly to this move. A Queen move or even R-R2 would be better since this allows the Black Knight to use Kt-K4 with vicious effects. Of course, White can martyr be blamed for not foreseeing the Knight move, but even so, general principles should have made him wary of the pawn push.

57. Kt-B3 55. Q-R2

What mistake Black's last move as a prelude to the advance of the Pawn and so pins it; Black, however, has a more pointed idea in mind.

58. Kt-K5!

The point of the preceding move, Black now threatens the Greek gift of Queen and Knight for Queen and Pawn, after which the Pawn ending is easily won. The situation is now more poignant than White can do anything about it.

59. Q-R8 ch. 60. Q-B3

Resignation is in order; there is no longer even any semblance of resistance. White could have avoided the exchange of Queens, surely, but to do so he would have had to allow QxP ch. after which all is over. The remainder needs no comment; all good disciples of Reuben Fine know how.

60. QxP ch. 64. P-K5

61. QxQ KtxQ 65. K-B3

62. KxKt K-K3

63. P-K4 P-R4

64. K-B4

65. K-K5

66. K-K6

67. K-K4

68. KxP Resigns

RETI OPENING

Rochester Championship, 1947
(Final round, score tied)

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White E. MARCHAND Black M. HERZBERGER
1. Kt-K3 P-Q4 3. P-QB5
2. P-B4 P-K3

The Reti frequently transposes into other openings. Here S. P-Q4 yields a Queen's Gambit.

3. P-QB4 4. PxP

In order to clear the square QB4 for use by a Knight.

4. PxP 6. P-Q3

Otherwise P-Q6 by Black could prove embarrassing.

6. Kt-QB3 8. B-K2

7. P-K3 Kt-B3

Is the Reti one Bishop or the other is usually very strong—sometimes both.

8. B-Q2 10. Kt-R3

9. O-O R-K2

10. Kt-B4

11. Kt-B2 12. B-B1

13. Kt-Q4

The threat of course was 13. B-B4. Now Black's position appears very strong. 13. KtxP loses a piece after 13., Kt-B6 and 14. PxKt.

13. Kt-K1 Kt-B6

White threatened 11. BxKt and 15. B-B4.

14. Q-B2 Kt-K5 15. Q-K2 Kt(5)-Q4

15. Kt-Q3 16. Q-Q2, Kt-B6; 17.

P-QB3 with a good game.

16. P-K4

White's powerful looking Knights suddenly find themselves in desperate straits.

16. PxP e.p. 17. PxP B-KB3

What else will stop both 18. P-K4 and also 18. BxKt, KtxB; 19. QxP, B-KB3; 20. RxR etc.?

18. RxR P-R2 21. B-B4

19. P-K4 Kt-Q8 22. RxR KtxR

20. BxR Kt-B6 23. Kt-Q6 ch.

21. BxR and 24. QxP will surely win in the long run, too.

23. K-K2 24. QxP Q-K3

Hoping to trade Queens, but he only trades off his own.

25. Kt-B8 ch. Resigns

RETI OPENING

1946 U. S. Championship

Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White G. KRAMER Black G. DREXEL

1. Kt-K3 P-Q4 2. P-B4 P-Q5

Farmers' defense to the Reti. The idea is to play P-KB3 and P-K4 with a powerful center.

3. P-K3

This move and the next constitute the best way to meet Black's plan.

3. P-QB4 4. P-QK4 PxKP

Black decides to accept the offered Pawn which proves to be a Greek gift, due to White's strong center and open KB file.

5. BxP PxP 6. B-K2

Another good system for White is 6. P-Q4 instead of B-Q3.

6. Kt-KB3 9. P-Q4 B-K2

7. O-O Kt-Q1 10. Q-K2 Kt-K5

8. B-K2 P-K3 11. Q-K3 P-B4

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18. PxP 22. Q-Q2 K-R1

19. PxP Kt-K1 23. Q-R1 Kt-R3

20. B-B2 O-K4 24. Kt-K5 B-K14

21. Q-Q4

After 24., B-Kt4

Drexel

White BxP

19. P-K2 Kt-B3 20. Kt-R1

21. B-K2 P-K3 22. PxP BxKt

23. Kt-K1 P-Q1

24. Kt-K14

After 24., B-Kt4

Drexel

Kramer

White BxP

25. Kt-B5!

White's position is far superior and make the following startling sacrifices quite logical.

25. BxP 26. Kt-B6 ch.

26. Kt-K4 Kt-B6

White will be down a Rook and a Knight after this, and his Queen, Knight and Bishop will be in prison. But see what happens.

27. PxKt 28. BxP ch. K-R2

If Black accepts the third sacrificed piece with 28., RtxP; 29. Q-R6 and mate next move.

29. Q-R6 ch. K-K1 30. RtxP ch. Kt-B3

31. Q-R6 ch. K-B2

White resigns without resuming play.

If 33. RxKt ch, QxR wins for Black. One wonders if White really saw this winning move back at move 25. The chances are that intuition helped him in the way.

33. Kt-B2 37. Q-K6 ch. QxQ

34. Q-R6 ch. K-B2 38. PxQ ch. KxP

35. Rxfch. K-K1 39. RxR Resigns

A truly remarkable game.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship

Tournament

By Erich W. Marchand

White S. KOWALSKI Black I. KASHIADAN

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 7. P-K3 P-B3

2. P-K4 P-K3 8. B-Q5 R-K1

3. Kt-QB3 B-K5 9. P-Q4 QKt-Q2

4. P-Q4 P-Q4 10. P-QR3 B-Q3

5. PxP P-K4 11. P-QK4 P-QR3

6. Kt-B3 0-0

The usual procedure in such positions to prevent or take the sting out of P-Kt5 by White.

7. R-K1 Kt-B1 13. P-R3 B-B2

Having come out of the opening rather well except for a cramped Q-side, Black prepares a very nice K-side attack.

8. B-K2 Kt-B1 17. P-K15 Kt-R4

9. BxKt Kt-B2 18. PxP Kt-R5

Can this be good? After 19. KtxKt, Q-R7 ch; 20. K-B1, Kt-K6 ch; 21. PxKt, BxKt; 22. Kt-B3, Q-B8 ch; 23. Kt-K1 and White's material advantage wins.

19. Kt-K5 PxP 22. RxP BxKt

20. Q-K2 P-K3 23. PxP

21. Kt-K1 Q-Q1

After 23. PxP Kashdan

Kowalski

23. BxP!

But this one is good and wins Black the exchange or more.

24. PxP Q-Kt4 ch. 26. K-R1

25. Q-Kt4 Kt-B6 ch.

26. B-R3 Kt-B1, Kt-Q4 ch. 29. Kt-Q2 R-K3

27. PxQ KtxP 30. RxP KtxR

28. B(3)xP Kt-K12 31. B-K5 R-QB1

The threat is now R-B7 winning a piece. Put it is important for the Rook to penetrate in any case.

32. B-R3 R-B7 39. K-K3 K-B1

33. B-K4 Kt-B4 40. B-K6 KtxKt

34. BxKt R-B4 41. BxKt K-K2

35. Kt-K5 R-B7 42. BxP RXP

36. K-K1 Kt-B6 ch. 43. P-K5 R-R4

37. Kt-Q4 R-R7 44. P-K4 RxB

How to make a tedious ending easy as pie. An extra Pawn will do the trick.

38. PxR K-Q3 45. P-B3 (sealed move)

46. Kt-K4 K-K4

White resigned without resuming play.

VIENNA OPENING

Simultaneous Game, Boston, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White W. ADAMS Black ANON

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

3. P-B4 P-Q3 P-B3

4. Q-K2 would be more judicious. Black feels that at least his K4 will be secure, but is it?

5. P-Q4 BPxP 8. Q-R5 ch. K-B1

6. KtxP PxKt

If 8., Kt-K2; 9. Kt-Q5 ch in strong or even 9., Kt-Q2; 9. QxP ch or QxB, if 8., Kt-Q2; 9. QxP ch or QxB.

10. R-B1 ch. Kt-B3 10. Kt-Q5 B-K3

Can you find better?

11. P-Q4 KtxP 13. B-R6 ch. K-K1

12. RxP ch. PxR 14. B-Q8 P-B3

What else? Black can see no harmful checks.

15. Q-K4 ch!

16. BxQ 16. Kt-K7 mate.

17. Kt-Q7 ch. K-K1

Resigns

A pleasing game, very much in Adams' style.

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RETI OPENING

Milwaukee vs. Chicago Match

Notes by Richard Harrell

White KRAZESKI Black GORDON

1. Kt-B1 Kt-B1 2. P-B4 P-B4

The symmetrical defense to the Reti Opening is a good deal, but this is inferior.

3. P-Q4 was in order.

4. P-Q4 PxP 5. KtxP P-KK3

An unhappy thought—Black turns the game into the Dragon variation of the Sicilian but fails to realize the importance of the fact that White's Pawn is on Q4. Perhaps he believed he had an extra tempo for the Sicilian game since White's Pawn is on Q5 (in the normal Sicilian, the QP is blocked by the QK). But if so, he was seriously mistaken. Anytime White is able to play the QBP up safely—by transposition or otherwise—in the Sicilian, Black's defense is seriously hampered. If equality was still to be obtained, 5., P-Q4 was the only chance.

6. P-K4 Q-Q3 8. B-K3 B-Q2

Already Black finds himself hindered by the QBP. In the usual Dragon Black castles before moving the QBP, which compels White to play Kt(4)-K3 in order to prevent P-Q4, which allows Black the convenient development of Kt-B3 instead of B-Q2. Casting before

the QBP.

J. FAUCHER (Princeton)

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. Kt-K3 Kt-K3

3. B-B4 Kt-B4 4. P-Q4 Kt-B4

5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 6. P-Q4 Kt-B3

7. B-K2 K-B2 8. Kt-B2 Kt-B2

9. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 10. P-Q4 Kt-K1

11. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 12. P-Q4 Kt-B3

13. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 14. P-Q4 Kt-K1

15. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 16. P-Q4 Kt-B3

17. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 18. P-Q4 Kt-K1

19. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 20. P-Q4 Kt-B3

21. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 22. P-Q4 Kt-K1

23. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 24. P-Q4 Kt-B3

25. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 26. P-Q4 Kt-K1

27. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 28. P-Q4 Kt-B3

29. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 30. P-Q4 Kt-K1

31. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 32. P-Q4 Kt-B3

33. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 34. P-Q4 Kt-K1

35. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 36. P-Q4 Kt-B3

37. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 38. P-Q4 Kt-K1

39. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 40. P-Q4 Kt-B3

41. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 42. P-Q4 Kt-K1

43. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 44. P-Q4 Kt-B3

45. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 46. P-Q4 Kt-K1

47. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 48. P-Q4 Kt-B3

49. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 50. P-Q4 Kt-K1

51. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 52. P-Q4 Kt-B3

53. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 54. P-Q4 Kt-K1



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National Chess Month Awards

HERMAN STEINER TOPS FIELD

ANTONIO BALDUCCI IS SECOND

John Costello Jr. Sixteen Year Old Enthusiast Third In Membership Drive

National Chess Month ended with a bang, and the tellers have been busy tabulating the returns ever since. Final count awards top honors to Herman Steiner of Los Angeles who found time in a busy round of chess exhibitions and reporting to proselyte sixty-seven new members for the USCF. Next came Antonio C. Balducci of South Fallsburg (N. Y.) whose activities in Sullivan County for chess have already been reported. Third was John L. Costello, Jr. of Hummelstown (Pa.), the sixteen-year-old dynamo of scholastic chess promotion in central Pennsylvania.

Chairman William M. Byland of the National Chess Month Council has expressed extreme satisfaction with the results of this first national membership drive, but trusts that USCF members will not confine their activities in promoting USCF to February, but will make the membership drive a year-round goal of their activity.

The list of USCF members entitled to awards does not include the names of several USCF Officials whose personal contributions to the success of National Chess Month will be rewarded by the satisfaction of knowing that they did their part.

ST. PETERSBURG CHESS PLANS FOR SO. ASS'N MEET

With the finishing of its Club Championship Tournament on Mar. 15 in which Frank Mearson, C. L. Terzopoulos, E. W. Garrigues and W. L. Archibald were the victors, the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club turns its attention to plans for the 26th Annual Tournament of the Southern Chess Association, to which St. Petersburg will play host.

E. J. Dowling and J. Szold of the St. Petersburg Club have been appointed the local tournament directors for this event, and the cooperation of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Department of City Recreation have been obtained to make the Southern Association Tournament the biggest chess event in the history of St. Petersburg.

CCLA LAYS PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Under the chairmanship of Henry G. Tyer of Andover (Mass.) the Correspondence Chess League of America—affiliate of the USCF—is laying plans for a comprehensive membership drive. Correspondence chess has long been recognized as one of the best and easiest means of improving play and learning the intricacies of the openings. It is on the basis of this known fact that the CCLA plans its drive for new members with the additional attraction of The Correspondent, the CCLA publication which is included in the membership.

PAUL POSCHEL RETAINS AUSTIN CHESS TITLE

Paul Poschel, holder of both Junior and Open State Championships of Illinois, retained his title as Champion of the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) without the loss of a single game. The seventeen-year-old Austin High School senior finished with a score of fourteen wins and two draws. His nearest rival was Ed. Bodenstaub with a score of 11½-4½.

In the "B" Division of the tournament a very close struggle found C. Brokaski edging out L. Wittig by scoring 12½ to Wittig's final score of 10½-4½.

NATIONAL CHESS MONTH AWARDS

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At a recent visit to Miami Harold Lloyd plays chess with USCF Director Mary Bain—kibitzed and otherwise aided by Al. Ritz of the Ritz Brothers (in the beach coat) who displays graphic warnings of peril regarding a proposed move.

Deep River (Conn.) Chess Club Takes To The Air For Its Chess Matches

Air-minded members of the Deep River Chess Club (Conn.) and the Log Cabin Chess Club (N. J.) solved the problem of distance neatly on March 30 when a five-man team from West Orange, N. J., flew to play a scheduled match at Deep River, Conn.

This history-making flight required two round trips to bring in the visiting team and two round trips for the journey home, and was sponsored by E. Furry Laucks, president of the Log Cabin Chess Club, in collaboration with Fred A. Pearson, president of the Deep River Chess Club. Cooperating in the historic event were Charles Toomey, chief pilot of the Air Facilities Corporation of Teterboro, N. J., who handled the plane and William Doane, owner of the Essex (Conn.) airport.

A small Fairchild plane was used, carrying three passengers besides the pilot, and the first trip from Newark airport was made at 5:45 p. m. arriving at Essex at 6:25 p. m. It was agreed that the first three games would conclude at 11 p. m. The second contingent arrived at Essex at 9:15 p. m. and it was agreed to conclude their games at 1 a. m. Aside from the interest in the match, spectators at the airport were thrilled by the maneuvering of the plane to a beautiful landing, aided only by the lights of parked cars, and by the final takeoff in almost complete darkness.

Members of this flying chess team were A. Rothman, J. Partos, A. Boczar, E. McCormick, G. Sobin and E. F. Laucks. The last, as a summer resident at Old Lyme, Conn. and member of the Deep River Chess Club had a divided allegiance in the match and therefore contented himself with acting as sponsor and spectator.

Deep River Chess Club, host to the air invasion, is one of the smallest chess clubs in Connecticut, but has acted as sponsor to many outstanding events. Two of its members, Dr. L. E. Cash and Joseph Hazuka have held the B Championship in the State, and Fred A. Pearson, president of the club, has served as president of the Connecticut Chess League.

Log Cabin Chess Club is one of the most active of the New Jersey Clubs, and its president, E. F. Laucks, is president of the Inter-



At the Doane Airport (Essex, Conn.), left to right, Julius Partos, A. Boczar, Fred Pearson and Stanley Wysowski.

County Chess League of New Jersey and vice-president of the New Jersey State Chess Association.

WESTERN PENNA. HAS SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

Out of the loosely-knit Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess League (formed in 1936) has grown the well organized Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League (established in 1945). In a democratic fashion the WPSCL is governed by a council of delegates from all member schools and the council elects the officers who conduct its affairs between council meetings. The WPSCL is a high school group, and the only adult advisor to it is USCF Vice-President William M. Byland, acting for the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation.

The semi-finals of the 1947 season are finished with Taylor Allerdice victor in Section I (Pittsburgh) and Mount Lebanon dethroning the twice-champion Sewickley High in Section II. April 19 sees the final test of strength between the section winners, and the victor expects to challenge the winners of the Harrisburg and Philadelphia Scholastic Leagues.

In April also comes the WPSCL Individual Championship Tournament. Defending Champion is Paul Dietz (Mount Lebanon); contending challengers will be Hubert Moisey (Sewickley), Herbert Hickman (Mount Lebanon), Paul Swarts (Peabody High), Jack Yaeger (Sewickley), Richard Freedman and Max Foner (Taylor Allerdice).

1947 officers of the WPSCL are: Jack Yaeger, president; Paul Dietz, vice-president; Patricia Dailey, secretary; and Randolph Winslow, treasurer. Member schools are: Allerdice, Peabody, Central Catholic, Wilkinsburg, Sewickley, Mount Lebanon, South, and Samuel Hamilton. Informal members are: Carrick, Perry, Ambridge and Allegheny High.

CHICAGO BESTS PUERTO RICO IN 2ND RADIO MATCH

Playing a return match via short-wave radio on April 13, the Chicago Chess Team, captained by A. C. Margolis gained revenge over the Puerto Rican sextet by a score of 3½-1½ with one game subject to adjudication.

This second USCF experiment in distant short-wave match procedure was conducted under the watchful eye of USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. and benefitted from the lessons taught by the first match on March 30. Time between moves was shortened and play began at an earlier hour so that all games except one were completed before the band faded out with nightfall. Glenn May of Chicago (W9-JDE) and Roger Wilson (KF4-AM) of Santurce were the radio operators.

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico	
P. Poschel..... ½	A. Colon..... ½
A. Sandrin..... 1	M. Colon..... 0
D. Thompson..... 1	R. Cintron..... 0
A. C. Margolis 1	F. Benietz..... 0
S. Cohen adj.	L. Rojas..... adj.
E. Davidson..... 0	A. Higuera..... 1
Chicago 3½	Puerto Rico 1½

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LET'S NOT SET THE LIMIT AT A MONTH

IT is a characteristic American failing to set aside some brief portion of time to be devoted to an ideal and a cause. The brief time passes, we have paid our devotion to that particular ideal, so in our busy lives we pass to other matters and forget this one particular cause until its appointed day or week or month once again descends upon us.

But anything in our lives that is worthy of our attention for a brief span of time should be worthy of our attention the whole year through. We should not limit our charity to the organized tag-days and drives to sell "seals." Nor should we limit our anti-fire precautions to that week that is entitled "Fire Prevention Week."

So should it be with "National Chess Month." An organized drive was necessary to focus attention on the many worthy phases of chess activity. The response to that drive has been gratifying in the increased chess activity throughout the country. But this is not time for chess players to rest contentedly upon their laurels. There is much yet to be done if chess is to attain its rightful stature in the United States and gain its rightful recognition from the press, the schools and the hospitals.

Let's not limit ourselves to a national chess month, but make every day a national chess day in promoting the cause of chess.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

PITTSBURGH OPEN TOURNAMENT BOOK

Edited by Wm. R. Hamilton (\$1.50)

The 47th U. S. Open Tournament, held at Pittsburgh in 1946 was the largest and in many ways one of the most exciting of the long series of Open Tournaments. It produced fighting chess, as could be expected from a field that included Herman Steiner, Olaf Ulvestad, Robert Byrne, Weaver Adams, Larry Evans and Anthony Santasiere to name but a few of the exponents of fighting chess.

Here is the sparkling record of that tournament—208 games from the top twenty players among the fifty-eight entrants, complete with a graphic account of the meeting and comprehensive indexes to the games and players. All compactly gathered into a handy volume of 78 pages which opens flat for convenient reading.

Highlights of the text include Hans Berliner's startling win over Sven Almgren (which received two separate brilliancy prizes) and the two thrilling encounters of Steiner and Ulvestad.

THE RUSSIANS PLAY CHESS By Irving Chernev (\$2.00)

No one denies that the Russians play chess; this book tells the story of how they play it among themselves in a selection of fifty well-chosen masterpieces by some thirty brilliant Soviet masters and near-masters. Profusely annotated by that brilliant analyst, Irving Chernev, each game is illustrated with numerous diagrams so that it is possible to play the game over without use of chessboard.

For the average player, hoping to better his style of play, this is a book of unique value, for here are many of the Soviet innovations in opening theory, hitherto unavailable except to the expert.

According To A. Sid. Test

Greed is always short-sighted. I've seen a fellow so eager to queen a pawn, he didn't see that it gave his opponent a stalemate.

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Names are pretty much a matter of time, place and medium. In chess they call it "playing coffee-house style"; in military science they call it "psychological warfare"; but in business it is just plain bluff and chicanery.

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There is no denying the importance of marriage; even in chess the most important thing is the mating of the king.

TOO FEW CHESS COLUMNS

A Regular Message by

Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

ACCORDING to a list compiled by Dr. Albrecht Buschke and published in the last USCF yearbook, the number of chess columns in newspapers a year ago totaled eighteen. Several new columns have since come into existence and we now have a total of about twenty-five weekly chess columns.

These columns are a credit to American Chess and to their editors. Written in the interest of the royal game rather than for financial gain, they enjoy a wide circulation and faithfully report what's new in the chess world. Some of them have been published for more years than the average age of our master players. In short, they have become an institution.

fortunate as we are to have these columns, we cannot escape the fact that their number is altogether inadequate considering the number of daily newspapers published in this country—well in excess of 1,500. Less than one paper in every sixty carries a weekly chess column, and this despite the fact that the number of readers interested in chess has increased manifold during the last few years.

If this shortcoming were due to a lack of interest or dearth of editorial talent, the problem of correcting it might indeed be difficult. But obviously, these are not the reasons and we may confidently expect that many columns will soon be added to the present number if we show the proper initiative and realize more fully the enormous advantages of a weekly chess column.

Paul G. Giers Most every club organizer at some time has toyed with the idea of having a weekly column in his local newspaper. He knows that a regular column will stimulate the members' interest in their club, give the club greater prestige as a community project, create new players, attract new club members and, perhaps not quite so evident, that it will serve to keep the club on its toes.

To arrange with your newspaper for the publication of a weekly column is not nearly as difficult as it might seem. However, since most city editors are not yet sufficiently chess-minded nor exactly clamoring for chess columns, plan your approach with care, offer good and logical reasons for use of the column and, above all, give proper assurance that your copy will be turned in on time each week.

You need not be a master player to edit a chess column. Only a few of our present columns are written by chess masters. More important is an eye for news values and a style of writing which will hold your readers' interest. Combining your local club news and game scores with news and games from "Chess Life" and a good weekly problem you will have ample material to fill your allotted space.

As chess interest expands, more and more weekly columns are needed. Every club should enjoy the advantages of a local column and we urge our potential scribes to fill the need.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Is "Reserve Knight" The Answer?

Dear Sir:

As you know there have been earnest attempts by champions and the best analysts to improve contemporary chess. The outstanding reasons are: 1st, the difficulty of equalizing by Black (Fine, Horowitz and others; its impossibility, Adams); 2nd, preponderance of White wins in the best games. And the consequence, 3rd, a preference to play White, more marked as one goes down the scale of player strength.

The desirable equality before White's first move (which persists in other games), is upset when White by his first move governs two squares in Black's half of the board, acquiring thereby a slight advantage through no fault of Black's. This slight advantage can persist. My idea is to give Black a counter-initiative-advantage equally slight to equalize.

After plausible attempts the best seems to me is to give Black the initiative of developing a new Kt first at either R1 when vacated. This costs Black a move but governs two squares as White's initiative did. Better reasons for this plan are: the Kt is the weakest piece on the weakest square here, hard to play to its full strength, is colorful, is developed to the board after the conclusion of most of the openings so knowing them remains an advantage, and dangerous defenses may be strengthened.

The power of this reserve Kt must be felt gradually, so White must have a free R1 to reply with his reserve Kt immediately. Both Kts may capture on the two squares but may not move there (which ties in with what the pawn can and cannot do). (Also con-

sider the beneficial artificiality of a pawn capturing a pawn on a square on which the captured pawn does not stand, as in en passant.)

But the reserve Kts may go to contiguous squares of the other color than the one on which it stands ("changing color," characteristic of Kts) which steps up its power to a 3-square-governing Kt; or to one more square on the same rank three squares away (still changing color) where it becomes a 4-square-governing Kt, provided White on his next turn can also step up the power of his reserve Kt by governing one or two more squares. If Black elects a three, White may follow by a three or four-square promotion but is not compelled to do either. The next step-up by Black is to a six-square-governing square when he desires and if White can follow immediately by his six square promotion, Black increasing his power by this much first. (But he must not short-cut to an 8-square-governing square though he may capture on them.)

All this reads as more intricate than it plays. Here at six (the third stage) both Kts become unrestricted and Black's advantage in initiating this process, even with a Kt, balances as far as I can find out White's initiative of the first move, the stepping up process having absorbed the preponderance of Black's initiative. Preference for White will then give way to curiosity to play Black, with the rewards of increase of sound sacrifices and beautiful positions.

The reserve Kts may be distinguished by a white elastic band halter-wise restricting the head of the Black Kt and a black band

Who's Who In American Chess

Alfred C. Ludwig

The affinity of chess to art and literature and music is an oft noted fact. It is not therefore surprising to learn that Alfred C. Ludwig, present Nebraska State Champion divides his love between chess and the writing of lyrics for popular songs. Among his more recent numbers is "My Heart Jumped Over The Moon" in collaboration with Burke Bivens, the composer of "Josephine."

As a chess player Ludwig has courage as well as skill—a trait exemplified in the heart of the depression when he married in complete disregard of the warning of his friends about the economic consequence.

A graduate of Omaha University, Ludwig is a persistent player. His persistence is shown by the winning of the Omaha City Chess Championship three times and the Nebraska State Championship twice in a city and state which boasts of several other persistent and strong players.

In national competition Ludwig won the Consolation division of the 1945 U. S. Open Tournament at Peoria, Illinois, without loss of a game. Believing firmly in organized chess, Ludwig is president of the Omaha Chess Club, associate editor of the new Nebraska State Chess Association Bulletin, and one of the organizers of the Nebraska Chess Association.

around the White Kt—removed when they become full-fledged Kts.

AMBROSE D. GRING
Brookline, Massachusetts

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Dear Sir:
As an avid reader of CHESS LIFE, I'd like to put in my plug for some sort of regular table of coming chess events. This to contain essential data such as whether open to outsiders (of the club, city, county, or state in which it's being held), entry fee if any, closing date for entries, to whom same should be sent, and the dates of play, prizes (if any) or titles at stake, etc.

JAMES W. JENKINS
Newark, N. Y.

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Dear Sir:
I note "Speculation Limited" and recall some years ago in Washington discussing the equalization of the advantage of the first move with the late Willard Mutchler and Emanuel Lasker. The outcome was that White be limited to moving the pawn one square on the first move instead of two; but nothing ever came of it.

This would not materially alter the game and would relieve somewhat the move tempo enjoyed by White. This would also permit White if not inclined to develop new openings to take over the opening tempo of the Black game. I personally believe, however, that it would merely delay the game half a move and from then on the games would follow the same pattern with White playing Black's game. There is, however, the possibility that new openings may be developed and then the chess books would all have to be rewritten.

ROLAND G. MORRISSETTE, JR.
Cleveland, Ohio

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

....More Blessed To Give....

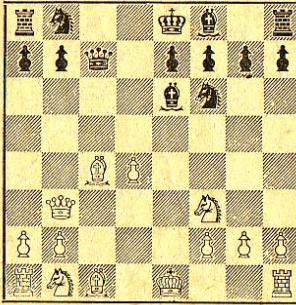
The two-Rook sacrifice cannot lay any claim to originality at this late date. Yet it will always continue to delight us as a neat way of refuting unsound attacks.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

U. S. Championship Preliminaries, 1940

White	Black
F. REINFELD	J. S. BATTELL
1. Kt-KB3	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
3. P-B4	PxP
4. P-K3	7. Q-K3
	B-K3?

Black has made some bad errors of judgment. His fifth move opened up lines prematurely for White's pieces; his sixth move developed the Queen too soon; his seventh is made under the mistaken impression that his Bishop cannot be captured.



After 7., BK3??

MINN. CHESS CLUB TOPPLES RIVAL PICCADILLY CLUB

The wordy rivalry between the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club and the Piccadilly Chess Club (White Bear Lake) came to blows—chess blows March 23, and the Minneapolis team retired triumphant from the battle with a bloodless victory of 8-2.

Minneapolis Chess	Piccadilly Chess
C. Diesen 1	U. S. Smith 0
S. Rein 0	A. L. Johnson 1
C. H. Simmer 1	V. G. Lowe, Jr. 0
H. Fructman 1	D. Maher 0
R. Hammond 0	A. Olson 1
M. Janowitz 1	K. Moen 0
E. C. Spangler 1	D. Swanson 0
E. J. Miller 1	A. Cheasick 0
R. L. Youngman 1	M. Bourreau 0
E. D. Baldwin 1	T. Daniels 0
Minneapolis 8	Piccadilly 2



Herman Steiner



Antonio C. Balducci



John L. Costello, Jr.

Redoubtable Trio Of Chess Enthusiasts Do Not Confine Effort To Chess Month

Winners of Life Membership awards for their activities during National Chess Month, Herman Steiner, Antonio Balducci and John Costello, Jr. have never confined their activities to any short span of time. Best known is Herman Steiner of Los Angeles whose record in national and international chess ranks him among the top American players. Among his more recent victories were first place in the 1946 U. S. Open Tournament and first place in the 1946 London Tournament. Steiner edits the Chess Column of the Los Angeles Times.

A very recent comer to organized chess is Antonio C. Balducci of South Fallsburg (N. Y.) who apportions his days between managing the Rivoli Theater and promoting chess in Sullivan County. His success in converting the population of his own and neighboring towns into chess players almost overnight is one of the most heartening and yet astonishing recent events in chess. CHESS LIFE (February 20) told the story on the front page and in the editorial message of Paul G. Giers.

John L. Costello, Jr. gives the accent on youth in chess. This sixteen-year-old member of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Chess Club already ranks among its stronger players. As an organizer he has already to his credit the formation of a strong scholastic chess league in the communities around Harrisburg which he formed almost single-handed, for which he was appointed Scholastic Director for Central Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Chess Federation.



Mrs. Catherine Jones, Woman Chess Champion of Ohio, with her ingenious "spool" chess set.

Chess Has Its Novelties And Oddities

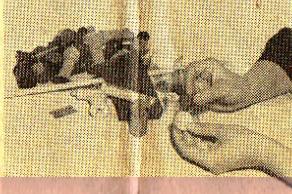
Not The Least—A Spool Chess Set!

After all these years, I note with some embarrassment that there was a quicker win with 10. QxP!! If then 10., QB-8; 11. Kt-B3! etc. Or 10., PxP; 11. Q-B8 ch, K-B2; 12. Kt-K5 ch, Kt-K1; 13. QxP mate. Tsk, tsk!

RED ROSES PLAY TO TIE WITH READINGER CLUB

On March 28 the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster (Pa.) traveled to Reading to battle with the Readinger Chessnuts at the Reading YMCA. The battle was a hard-fought draw.

Red Rose Chess	Readinger Chess
McDivitt, D. ½	Kneeream ½
McDivode ½	Zitzman ½
Phelan 0	Miller 1
Logue 1	Carfield 0
McDivitt, E. 0	Thoma 1
Lafferty 1	Pattison 0
Snyder 0	Brooks 1
Good 1	Fencil 0
Hoyer 1	Kawcki 0
Handel 0	Nields 1
Red Roses 5	Readinger 5



COLLEGE CHESS IMPROVES—HART BESTS GAMBIT

In Toronto the quality of collegiate chess is on the upgrade as Hart House Chess Club defeats the redoubtable Gambit Chess Club in the major section of the Toronto (Can.) Chess League.

Hart House	Gambit Chess
J. Paterson-Smyth 1	A. S. Mallinson 0
D. Pogue 0	F. A. Scott 1
E. Taliva ½	J. Sundsten ½
D. Fox 1	W. Hodges 0
R. F. Rodgers ½	F. L. Hogg 0
E. Bousfeld 1	E. Jewitt 0
Hart House 4	Gambit Chess 2

After selecting thirty-two spools that were in the best condition, Mrs. Jones first cleaned the labels off. Most of the spools were already notched to hold loose ends of thread, so it was only necessary to exaggerate these notches and add others to form the tops of the rooks and queens. To make the pawns and bishops, the top flange was removed entirely from each spool. In the case of the knights, both the top and bottom flanges were removed and the center hole filled with plastic wood. While the plastic wood was still pliable, the knight's head, cut from a piece of cross grained wood about the size of a checker, was fitted into place and the plastic wood permitted to harden.

Some material in addition to the spools was found to be necessary. Three-sixteenth inch dowel sticks were used to form the top of the pawns and to anchor the knob on the bishop. From a bag of scrap mill turnings, purchased at the 5 and 10 cent store, came the round balls or knobs used on the bishops, as well as the one-quarter inch discs from which the knight's heads and the king's cross were carved.

A wooden button mold was also placed on top of the largest spool to elevate the king. In Mrs. Jones' set the king and queen are actually the same height, although the queen appears taller, due to the greater slenderness of the spool. The king could be made taller by

ST. PETERSBURG CLUB FEATURED IN "PRE-VUE"

The weekly St. Petersburg publication "Pre-Vue" devoted its front cover and several pages of its text to a full story of the St. Petersburg Chess Club in its issue of March 1. The "Pre-Vue" which features each week several attractive phases of recreational life in St. Petersburg (Fla.) found the "Chess Divan" unusual and intriguing.

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Honor Roll of Club Chapters

Chartered During Month of March, 1947

The Oklahoma Chess Association
Dr. Kester Svendsen..... Sec-Treas.
The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Charter No. 152
Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Meets at the Park-American Hotel on Friday evenings at 7:30 p. m.
President..... Sheldon S. Myers
Vice-President..... Harold H. Jones
Secretary..... H. Lee Carter
Treasurer..... Harold E. Beach

PARKDALE VICTOR IN TORONTO (CAN.) SCHOOL LEAGUE

By a second and final victory over Upper Canada the Parkdale Collegiate team won the championship of the Toronto Inter-school Team Matches. The initial season of the Inter-school League was extremely successful and much credit for the success has been due to Ralph Berrin, Toronto Junior Chess League Tournament Director.

Parkdale Upper Canada
W. Preston 0 H. Trotter 1
W. Kopera 1 R. Harris 1
E. Krawczyk 1 G. Connell 0
B. Oaker 1 H. Stephenson 0
M. Glass 0 P. Reid 1
E. Baldwin 1 H. Sutherland 0

Parkdale 4 Upper Caanda 2

SALINAS BOWS TO MODESTO CHESS IN HARD MATCH

In a match harder fought than the score indicates the Salinas (Calif.) Chess Club bowed in defeat to the Modesto (Calif.) Chess Club on March 23. Team captains were H. Betker for Modesto and G. Okes for Salinas.

Modesto Chess Salinas Chess
M. G. Jackson ½ G. Okes ½
R. H. Parkhurst 1 Skillicorn 0
R. Paul 0 F. L. Berging 1
Davis 1 F. F. Clarke 0
L. Kerfoot 1 A. W. Flippin 0
H. Betker 1 V. W. Poppe 0
C. J. Smith 1 B. Maisom 0
R. W. Brown 1 V. Johnson 0
F. Saylor 1 D. Flippin 0
Dr. C. J. Cook 0 D. Johnson 1

Modesto 7½ Salinas 2½
At the annual meeting of the Modesto Chess Club Herbert P. Betker was named president; Herbert E. Paul, vice-president; Lawrence Davis, second vice-president; Lee Kerfoot, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Donald G. Weston, chair-Club on March 23.

To the United States Chess Federation:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States, to be played at Cleveland, June 30—July 12, 1947.

Name: _____

Please print.

Address: _____

Street number _____

City _____

State _____

Date of Birth: _____

Month _____

Date _____

Year _____

Tournaments won or titles held: _____

It is understood that free housing accommodations are to be provided for 60 players in the Junior Tournament. In the event that I am not among those to whom housing is to be given without cost, I shall... shall not... be able to play.

I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

In Memoriam
BENONI COUNTER GAMBIT
U. S. Open Tournament
Milwaukee, 1935

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. P-Q4 P-QB4 7. Kt-B3 B-K5
2. P-Q5 P-K4 8. B-K2 B-K2
3. P-QB4 P-Q3 9. B-Q2 Kt-Q2
4. Kt-QB3 P-B4 10. P-KR3 BxKt
5. P-K4 Kt-KB3 11. BxKt K-B1
6. P-B5 P-B5 12. Kt-B3 P-KK14
Black has come out of this opening with a nearly equal position. The text allows White to make an excellent pawn sacrifice which opens up attacking lines.

13. P-KR4 Pxp 19. B-B7 Kt-B3
14. RxB KtxP 20. Q-B3 Q-KB1
15. B-R5 ch. K-Q2 21. B-K6 P-KR4
16. Q-Q4 ch. K-Q2 22. B-R5 ch. P-K3
17. R-B3 KtxKt 23. Q-R3 -----
18. BxKt Kt-Q2 -----

This Bishop of course is immune to capture. Belsen proceeds to show that the King's position is not as safe as it looks.

23. Q-K1 25. Qxp Kt-K5

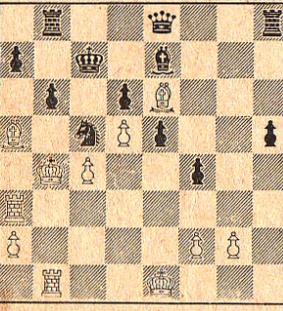
24. P-QKt4 Pxp 26. R-K11 R-QK1

Possibly 26. P-QKt4 would be satisfactory here. It was still difficult to see how White could take advantage of the cramped Black position. As so often a smashing sacrifice does the trick.

27. R-R3

After 27., Kt-B4

Santasiere



Belsen
28. BxP ch. Pxp 30. QxP ch! -----
29. R-R7 ch. K-Q1 -----

The third brilliant sacrifice by Belsen—first a pawn, then a piece, now the Queen.

30. RQxP 32. BxKt -----
31. RxR Kt-Q2 -----

White must have seen this last stroke back at move 23 (or else his intuition was very good) for without it the preceding sacrifices would prove unsound. An outstanding game and one which seems typical of Belsen's wonderful combinative style.

32. Q-B8! R-R7 K-K1
33. R-R8 ch. Q-B1 35. P-B3 K-Q1
34. RxQ P-KR3 39. P-R4 B-K14
35. R-R8 ch. K-Q2 40. K-K2 K-B1
36. RxR P-R5 41. P-R5 Resigns

CATALAN OPENING
Metropolitan Philadelphia
Tournament

Notes by B. F. Winkelman

White Black
A. REGEN A. DICAMILLO

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. Q-R4 ch. B-Q2
2. P-KK3 P-Q4 6. Qxp B-B3

3. B-K2 P-K3 7. Kt-KB3 B-Q4

4. P-QB4 Pxp -----

Probably the cause of Black's trouble is a difficult defense at best.

5. Q-Q3 Kt-K2 10. Q-K1! -----

If 5. Q-K1 Black no doubt intended 10. BxKt followed by 11. QxP. Now White would simply answer 12. BxQPx etc.

10. B-B3 16. Kf-Q1 B-B2
11. O-O B-K2 17. O-B2 R-B1

12. P-K4 0-0 18. QF-B1 P-QK13

13. P-QR3 Kt-R3 19. Q-K2 Q-K12

14. P-QK4 B-K1 20. Kt-K5 Kt-B2

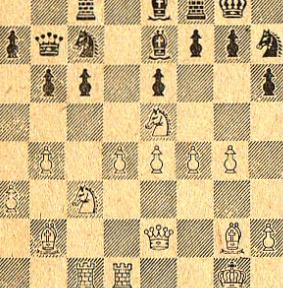
15. B-K2 P-B3 21. P-K4 -----

21. Kt-K4 suggests itself—but the text is much better. Any dissipation of the attacking forces is bad on principle unless a clear advantage is gained.

21. P-R3 22. P-B4 Kt-R2

After 22., Kt-R2

Dicamillo



23. P-Q5 The break-through—long foreshadowed—is decisive. A very fine game by one of Philadelphia's leading experts.

23. BxP 26. BxP Q-Kt1

24. Pxp KtxP 27. Kt-Kt6 Resigns

25. KtxKt -----

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QUEEN'S PAWN GAME
(Sicilian by transposition)
1946 St. Louis District Tournament

Notes by Bela Rozsa

White Black
J. ZINNER F. S. ANDERSON

1. P-Q4 P-K3 4. Kt-B3 Kt-KB3

2. Kt-KB3 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 B-K15

3. P-K4 Pxp -----

4. Black

J. ZINNER F. S. ANDERSON

1. P-Q4 P-K3 4. Kt-B3 Kt-KB3

2. Kt-KB3 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 B-K15

3. P-K4 Pxp -----

4. Black

J. ZINNER F. S. ANDERSON

1. P-Q4 P-K3 4. Kt-B3 Kt-KB3

2. Kt-KB3 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 B-K15

3. P-K4 Pxp -----

4. Black

J. ZINNER F. S. ANDERSON

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2. Kt-KB3 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 B-K15

3. P-K4 Pxp -----

4. Black

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3. P-K4 Pxp -----

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USCF Radio League Organized



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CHICAGO INVADES PUERTO RICO BY AIR

Second short-wave radio match between Chicago and Puerto Rico is in progress. Left to right, Albert Sandrin, Paul Poschel, Don Thompson, Albert Poschel (standing), Margolis Jr., Glenn May (radio operator), Earl Davidson, Sam Cohen, and Albert C. Margolis.



Photo: H. B. Winne.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

Early in the season Sewickley High, 1946 WPSCL Champions, played host to Samuel Hamilton Junior High. Sewickley players, left, are: Jack Yaeger, Lee Thomson, Hubert Moisey, Milton Hammond and Richard Barnes. Facing them for Hamilton are: John Meyers, Albert Beissicker, William Badgus, R. Smith and W. Smith.

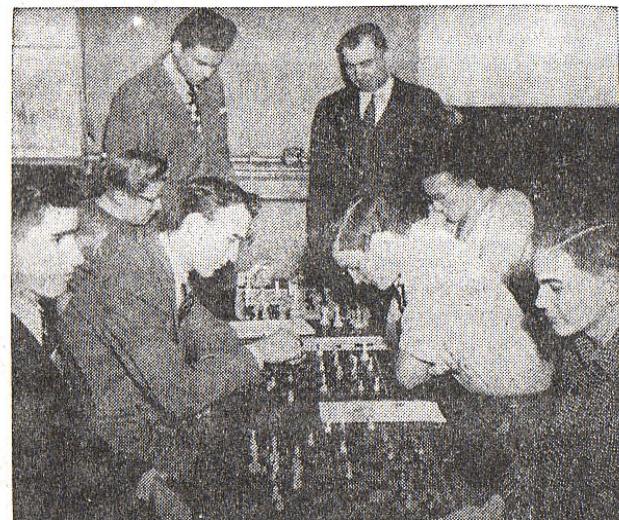


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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE

First match of the CPSCL saw Hummelstown High playing host to Mechanicsburg High. Seated left, three members of the visiting team: Robert Buis, Richard Bremner and Robert Hauck; seated right, Earl Brubaker, Jack Costello and Jack Dempsey of the Hummelstown team. Standing, left, USCF Director John D. French, referee; and L. Bruce Henderson, Hummelstown principal and sponsor of the match.

2nd SHORT-WAVE RADIO MATCH CELEBRATES ANNOUNCEMENT

USCF Radio League Formation Is Announced By USCF President Wagner

Almost concurrent with the second shortwave radio chess match between Puerto Rico and Chicago teams, which ended in a victory for Chicago with the final score of 4-2, President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., announced the formation of the USCF Radio League to plan and conduct matches by radio between teams and clubs. Details of the organization are not yet all completed but groups interested in radio chess are invited to contact Albert C. Margolis, Director of Radio Chess, 1716 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Beginning with the widely publicised radio match against the USSR in 1945, the USCF has been studying the possibilities of chess by radio, particularly through the channel of the amateur short-wave radio operator or "ham" operator. The practicality of such matches was demonstrated on September 12, 1946, by the match between Piccadilly Chess Club (Willowdale, Minn.) and Milwaukee Municipal Chess League, the match on September 21, 1946, between Kansas City and St. Louis; and the USCF announced its plans to organize a radio chess league (CHESS LIFE, November 20, 1946).

When the opportunity arose to test the possibilities of long range short-wave contests by engaging a Puerto Rican team, the USCF accepted the challenge with alacrity, and the first practical test was made upon March 30, 1947, when a Chicago team composed of Paul Poschel (Illinois Champion), Don Thompson, Albert C. Margolis (former Western Ass'n titleholder), Sam Cohen, Earl Davidson and F. Stoppel encountered over the air lanes a strong Puerto Rican sextet composed of Arturo Colon, Miguel Colon, Francisco Benitez, Luis Rojas, Rafael Cintron and Arturo Higuera. Due to lateness of the start and slowness in play the match could not be completed before the radio band faded but the Chicago team captain, A. C. Margolis, conceded a victory to Puerto Rico on the basis of the definite edge in position held by our Latin American neighbors on the majority of the boards.

On April 13 a return match with the same Puerto Rican team saw a Chicago team, strengthened by the presence of former Illinois Champion Albert Sandrin, win revenge by the score of 4-2. Profiting by the lesson of the first match, games were started earlier and clocks at each board corrected the slowness in moving. As a result only the game between S. Cohen and L. Rojas was adjourned for adjudication (which determined it as a draw).

With the practical knowledge acquired from these two matches plus information on the procedure adopted in other club short-wave matches, Director of Radio Chess A. C. Margolis is now prepared to organize and schedule matches. Promise of assistance in locating willing "ham" operators throughout the country has been proffered by the American Radio Relay League and

thus solves the difficult problem for many groups in acquiring an outlet.

(Please turn to Page 4 for Game Scores of the Match.)

YANOFSKY-WADE IN TANDEM CHESS ARE TRIUMPHANT

Abe Yanofsky, Canadian Champion 1941-45, and Robert Wade, the New Zealand expert (Champion 1943) celebrated their return from the European chess field by a series of tandem chess exhibitions.

On April 9 at the Gambit Chess Club (Toronto) the pair matched their skill against forty chosen players and won 31 games, drawing four and losing five. On April 1 at the Central YMCA (Montreal) the pair scored 43 wins, two losses and three draws; and on April 5 at the Verdun Club (Montreal) 28 wins against two losses.

In a solo effort against members of the Toronto Men's Press Club on April 10, Yanofsky won sixteen games and conceded his only draw to the veteran chess columnist Malcolm Sim of the *Evening Telegraph*.

RUSH WILLARD CHESS CLUB IS 100% USCF CLUB

By a recent change in By-Laws the Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City (Mich.) has become 100% USCF in membership. Annual membership dues now include the dues to the USCF for each member, and so the Rush Willard Chess Club joins the select circle of clubs which have placed their support behind the Federation program 100%.

USCF ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH GITS MOLDING CO.

According to an announcement by Paul Giers, USCF Executive Vice-President, an agreement has been made by the Federation with the Gits Molding Corp., manufacturers of plastic chess sets, by which Gits will supply without charge a sufficient number of chess sets to the USCF for use in USCF Tournaments to accommodate all players.

PAUL GIERS WILL FLY TO HAGUE USCF ANNOUNCES

USCF Executive Vice-President Paul Giers has his American Air Lines reservation for the trip to the Hague, Holland, where he will represent the USCF in the FIDE meeting, July 30-August 3. Mr. Giers bears with him the USCF recommendation regarding the handling of the World Championship and is prepared to protect the interests of the logical U. S. contenders for the title.

EARLY BIRDS SPEED ENTRIES TO JR. TOURNEY

By noon of April 16 eleven very "early birds" already had their entries in the 2nd National U.S. Junior Championship Tournament on file in S. S. Keeney's office. New York State scored first with Walter Shipman (New York), and Leslie Kilmer and Alfred Piper of Elmira. Other early entries were Jack Hursch (Denver); Larry Evans (New York City); Richard Cantwell (Washington); Stephen Small (Grand Blanc, Mich.); Jack Spence and Lee Magee (Omaha); Marvin Rogan (Rochester, N.Y.); and Jean Bowley (Newton Jct. N.H.).

Of these players Larry Evans and Walter Shipman (both of New York) are the best known; but Hursch and Magee are both veterans from the first national tournament, and several of the others have more than local reputations.

CHAMPIONSHIP SUBJECT OF DETAILED STUDY

USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., has appointed a committee to give a detailed study of the problems involved in revising procedure for the U. S. Championship Tournament. Richard Wayne is chairman and his associates on the committee are William M. Byland, Harry Morris and Fred Reinfeld. Results of the committee's deliberations together with concrete recommendations will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation at Corpus Christi, Texas.

KESTER SVENDSEN WILL HAVE STORY IN "CHESS WORLD"

Dr. Kester Svendsen, versatile chess expert of the University of Oklahoma faculty and Secretary of the Oklahoma Chess Association, will have a story published in the near future in *Cheess World*—the Australian monthly edited by C. J. S. Purdy. The story "Last Round" relates the reactions of an old chess master who has all his life been torn between the desire of playing to create a work of art on the chessboard and of playing to win. An entire game (a Danish Gambit) is woven into the text of the story.

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CHESS CONQUERS THE AIR

THE history of CHESS is the fabulous story of victory from the days when out of some undetermined civilization in the East through Persian and Arabic sources it spread westward, conquering wherever it came. Viking guards at Constantinople learned the royal game from their Greco-Roman employers and transported it back to Scandinavia, Moorish hordes carried into Spain on their successful tide of conquest and left it behind when the ebb came in their fortunes, hardy pioneers shipped it to the New World along with their household chattels. And everywhere it conquered.

But with the insatiability of an Alexander looking for new worlds to conquer, CHESS could not remain static and content with its many victories. Owning the land and sea, it looked with aggressive hunger at the air. Tentatively it straddled the air lanes in a match with Moscow. Today it stakes its claim to the air with formation of the USCF Radio Chess League.

Yet not content with one form of claim, it makes another raid into the realm of the sky, sending a bold pioneering team by airplane to play an inter-state club match.

America is a big land, its chess players extend from coast to coast and distance has been master of the situation. It is a challenge that CHESS has accepted. And the airplane and radio short-waves are its answer—a more definite and conclusive answer than the telephone, the telegraph, the auto, train and mail service.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

PRACTICAL CHESS By George Koltanowski; Kolty Publishing (\$2.50)

"Practical Chess," a book embodying many new thoughts on the study of chess for those who already play, has been issued by the Kolty Publishing Company, 1760 Grand Avenue, New York 53, a promising new house in the field. The text is written by George Koltanowski, Belgian Champion and Blindfold Expert, and edited by Milton Finkelstein, young New York expert.

In addition to doing away with much of the "book learning lines" to teach basic theory for good play, the book presents a revolutionary idea in allowing the reader to submit personal questions on points raised in the volume to the author, should any part of the perfectly clear text prove difficult to the student.

The volume is spiced with colorful vignettes of Koltanowski's career, a new thought on teaching mating principles, and a question and answer slant that painlessly leads the student of better chess to apply his new found knowledge. Only two attacks and four defenses are needed to give a complete exposition of fundamentals in the book.

CHESS BY YOURSELF By Fred Reinfeld; David McKay (\$2.00)

A most fascinating new type of chess book has come on the market, a product of the prolific Fred Reinfeld. In "Chess By Yourself" the clever innovation of "solitaire chess" is brought to a fine point. Ten games from master play are given, with you, the reader, playing BOTH sides of the board. You find the best attacking lines for White, the soundest counters for Black and collect a point rating for each move.

The interesting thing about it all is that several moves are accepted in many of the positions, all of greater or less value, showing an amazing amount of pre-publication analysis by Mr. Reinfeld. At the end of each game is a chart by which the player may rate his ability against the masters; finding out just how well he would have done at Ventnor City, the USSR Championships and other strong tournaments and matches. The ten games given show a wide range of playing lines and styles. A fine book for the player who is "sick of building up a library of beginners' texts," but equally good for the beginner too!

According To A. Sid. Test

Slamming the piece down on the board with a bang doesn't make the move any stronger. It may dent the chessboard, but it usually fails to impress your opponent.

CHESS TAKES TO THE AIR

(Monthly Letter No. 41)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE AVENUE of the air waves has opened a new medium by which chess players may ply their wits in competition with other players in different places, no matter what the intervening distances. Matches between two chess masters for some title or honor have a very proper place in the events of the world, but for the average enthusiast, these contests must be appreciated vicariously. Not so with respect to team matches in which every player can enjoy not only the encounter with his personal opponent which lies immediately before him, but can also thrill to the excitement of a team rivalry in which the lead may change hands as each individual game is finished.

Until now it has been necessary in the main to be content with team tournaments within a single city, sponsored by the city leagues in various metropolitan centers. Occasionally an interstate match is arranged, and still more rarely an interstate engagement. These have been relatively few in number both because of the time required to travel from one city, or state to another and the expense which is necessarily involved. During the past fifty years team matches have been conducted in which the moves were transmitted by cable, telephone or telegraph, but the cost of these has been such that their number can be measured almost by counting upon the fingers.

Now the barrier of space has been overcome. The radio enables one team to engage another irrespective of the miles which separate them or the seas or terrain which interpose.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. As soon as it had been demonstrated by two or three pioneering clubs that it was practical to conduct a chess match by short-wave radio, the Federation determined to organize a national radio chess league, somewhat after the manner of various athletic leagues which operate nationally in scope. Announcement of this purpose was made a few months ago (late in 1946). Since then careful study has been made of the problem.

It must be recognized in the very beginning that the functioning of a regularly scheduled series of inter-city team matches by short-wave radio can be accomplished only with the active cooperation of the licensed amateur radio operators. Technical problems of communication are involved as well as those of organization. For the former we must have the assistance of the "ham" operators, as they are commonly called. For the rest, the complexities of setting up a team schedule, registering and determining eligibility of players, granting of franchises, establishing of a corps of capable referees, etc. present a task which will not be easy but which Federation personnel can confidently be expected to handle.

Chess clubs which desire to have a part in this program should make their desires known with reasonable promptness. It is too early to fix any limitations as to numbers of teams to compose the radio chess league but it is not difficult to foresee a situation in which a club or city might desire representation only to find a full complement of teams in a particular section of the country.

The successful establishing of the radio chess league will be the result of the same factors which are found in the other parts of the Federation program—players, clubs and Federation officers and directors cooperating toward the accomplishment of a common end. To which will be added the help of the members of another brotherhood, the ARRL, American Radio Relay League.

Guest Editorial

CHESS IN CALIFORNIA

By Herman Steiner

Chess Editor, Los Angeles Times

IT IS difficult to ascertain just how CHESS really became so popular in California. We do know, however, that with the acquisition of many members to the United States Chess Federation, came a pronounced rise in chess interest. Through the medium of the chess column in the Los Angeles Times, plus tournament activities such as the Pan-American Tournament in 1945, plus the Denker-Steiner Match for the U. S. Championship Title, and all the publicity necessary to stimulate interest, evolved an unbelievable upward trend.

The history of chess in L.A. dates back to the organization of the L.A. Chess and Checker Club and in San Francisco of the Mechanics' Institute Library Chess Club where the average chess player of yesterday joined, paid his dues and played chess. Today it is quite different as seen by the rise of so many chess clubs. In the Metropolitan League alone in L. A. are represented thirteen teams, to say nothing of many not in the league.

The clubs of today, new and old, have programs which are designed to develop the young players as well as giving enjoyment to the veterans. This is accomplished by the arrangement of Lightning Chess Tournaments weekly, inter-club matches, individual matches—all of which make the members feel they are the pillar of the institution.

A great many clubs went wrong because they tried to force on their members work which they did not like. In every club are individuals who like the organizational work and upon them depends the success of the club. It would be wise therefore if upon application the member would be asked to pledge himself for organization work or just to play chess. The workers in the club should be the only ones eligible for officers.

In my experience as an organizer, I have found it always easier to acquire cooperation if the approach is in the mild form of suggestion, leaving it to the individual to choose to work (and it is work, believe it or not!). Constructive criticism functions in a club just as it does in any democratic way of life. Fortunately this is proven when the rich and poor alike can sit together and derive the same enjoyment and equality over the chessboard. By virtue of this alone, CHESS should flourish.

Here in California we strive to fill our ranks with enthusiastic followers of the royal game, particularly those who realize the importance of belonging to our U. S. Chess Federation.

In the past CHESS has been referred to as a "Game of War," and contrary to this, it is my belief that it is rather a "GAME OF PEACE" and its purpose is to create good will between all mankind!

¶ The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

Who's Who In American Chess

Herman Steiner

Born in Hungary, Herman Steiner is an American by choice rather than by accident of birth and since his long sojourn in California has become more of a "native son" of California than most native sons of that sunny state. Skilled as a performer at simultaneous exhibitions, Steiner is even more adept at the organizing of chess as the roll of California clubs on the USCF membership list must prove, and his chess column in the Los Angeles Times has long been one of the potent factors in the popularity of chess on the West Coast.



Herman Steiner

Herman's skill and persuasive gifts as an organizer were never better demonstrated than by the success of the Pan-American Tournament at Hollwood, which was so well-staged with contributions of talent from the leading movie studios that it became the most colorful pageant of chess the United States has seen in addition to being one of its finer tournaments.

Dividing his time between the fatherly directions of several California chess groups, numerous simultaneous exhibitions and his editorial work on the Los Angeles Times, Steiner yet finds time and energy to play frequently in national and international competition. Among his victories are first in the 1946 Open Tournament at Pittsburgh, tie for first with Yanofsky in the 1942 Open Tournament at Dallas, tie for third with Horowitz in the 1944 U.S. Championship, and first in the 1946 London (England) Tournament. In the 1945 Radio Chess Match with Russia, Steiner was the distinguished player who scored 1½ points out of a possible 2 against Bondarevsky for the only plus score compiled by an American player in the match.

Active in national chess affairs, Herman Steiner is Vice-President of the USCF after serving for many years as Director for California.

J. B. Gee

Born in Benton, Arkansas, in 1916, J. B. Gee moved to the West Coast when a year old and has lived in California since 1925. Gee has two sons (ages 6 and 3) who like to play chess, but according to their own rules on moving the pieces.



J. B. Gee

As a hobby Gee indulges in the promotion of chess and the hobby keeps him busy in his spare time. Between his duties as Secretary of the Sacramento Capital City Chess Club and also his Sunday chess

Chess column in the Sacramento Morning Union he still finds time for exhibitions and competitive play and ranks as one of the top players in Sacramento. He has twice been City Champion and twice runner-up in the last four years. Between these chess games Gee acts as Accountant and Sec'y-Treasurer for the Surcease Mining Co. while he continues his CPA studies. In addition he serves as USCF Director for California.

Other hobbies are skating, swimming and fishing, but chess, Gee confesses, gets the edge because it is handiest for spare moments.

SCOTCH GAMBIT

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 1

Notes by Paul Poschel

White Black
 P. POSCHEL A. COLON
 (Chicago) (Puerto Rico)
 1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-QB4 Kt-B3
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. O-O P-Q3
 3. P-Q4 PxP
 KtxP transposing into a good variation of the Two Knights' Defense is far superior.
 6. Kt-B2 B-K2 8. P-B3
 7. QKT-B3 0-0

The idea behind this is to protect the KP from attack and occupy Q5. Another continuation was 8. P-KR3, R-K1; 9. R-K1, B-B1; 10. B-B4 with a good game. It is largely a matter of taste.

8. QKT-QR4?

Here Black appears to be desperate and decides to accept a positional weakness for a little freedom. Better would have been R-K1, B-B and work for B-K3.

9. B-K2 P-B4 12. B-QB4 B-B3
 10. K-K13 KtKt1 13. Q-Q3

This is played to stop P-KB4 after 14. Kt-B3, 15. P-QR3.

14. B-Q5 KtBx 15. Q-B4 B-K4

15. KtBxKt B-B3 20. B-K3 Q-B3

16. P-B3 R-K1 21. QR-Q1

17. B-B4 BxKt

From this point on to move 30, White was in time pressure.

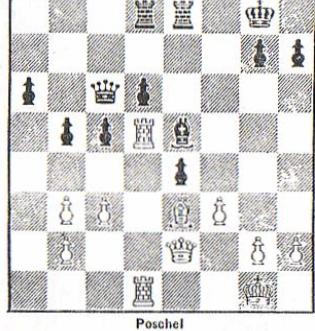
21. QR-Q1 24. KR-Q1 PxP

22. R-Q5 P-QK4 25. PxP?

23. Q-K2 P-B4

After 24. PxP

Colon



Poschel

Much better for White was RxP! An almost forced continuation after this would be 25. BxP, PxP; 26. QxP, R-KB1; 27. Q-Q3 winning the QP as B-B3 would be answered by RxR. Even though I saw PxP in the game I did not dare to play it because I did not have time to calculate all its possibilities.

25. B-B3 27. B-B4 B-K4
 26. Q-B2 Q-B2 28. BxP RxR

If 28. PxP White wins through the control of the Q-file. For example 28. PxP; 29. Q-Q2, RxR; 30. QxR ch, K-R1; 31. Q-Q6, Q-R2; 32. R-Q5, etc.

29. Q-Q3 RxR 30. QxR ch, Q-B2

This is the only drawing move. A K move is answered by P-K5.

31. QxQ5

31. QxQ5 does not win. 31. P-K5, QxQ;

32. RxQ, K-B2; 33. PxP, K-K3; 34. R-R1, RxP; 35. R-B7, R-Q5 ch; 36. K-B2, R-Q7 ch; 37. K-B3, RxQKt; 38. RxP, RxQKt; 39. RxP, RxP ch, etc.

31. QxP 34. Q-Q8 ch, K-B2

32. RxP RxR 35. Q-Q7 ch, K-B1

33. QxR QxKt 36. Q-B5 ch, K-K1

Drawn

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RETI-ZUKERTORT

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 2

Notes by Albert Sandrin

White Black
 M. COLON A. SANDRIN
 (Puerto Rico) (Chicago)
 1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 5. KtxKt QxKt
 2. P-B4 P-Q5 6. Kt-B3 B-K15
 3. P-K3 Kt-QB3 7. Q-R4 ch, B-Q2
 4. PxP KtxP

Not "hook," It is reported that this was seen first in Russian chess, with the follow-up by White of Q-K3. White here concentrates on the plan of P-Q3 and B-K3, the original theme.

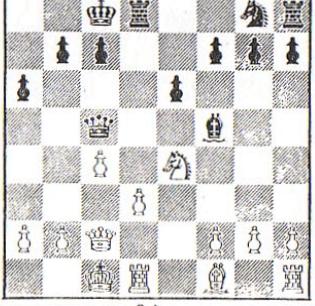
8. Q-B2 0-0-0 12. Kt-B3 P-K3
 9. P-Q3 B-B4 13. 0-0-0 B-B4
 10. Kt-K5 Q-K4 ch. 14. BxP?

11. B-K3 P-QR3

It is difficult to condemn this move, as after Q-Q2, B-Q5 seems to hold back the White center with advantage for Black; but then where did White go wrong? White gave up all chance of P-Q4 with BxP, and leaves Black with a much better game.

14. QxP 15. Kt-K4?

Sandrin



This loses, as it gives Black an edge which he is able to force into a win.

15. BxP 17. KxR Kt-B3

16. PxR RxR ch.

The position is a clear win for Black. If

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Rochester 3, New York

White now plays B-Q3 or K-B1, then comes Kt-B1 in either case winning material. White is minus his R.

18. P-B3 R-Q1 ch. 20. K-K1 R-Q5

If he had gone here on the move before, Q-R1 ch, could not have been ward off by Q-B3.

20. Kt-Q2 26. QxP PxP

21. P-QR3 P-QR4 27. Q-R4 Kt-Q6 ch.

22. B-B3 P-R5 28. K-B1 Q-P3

23. B-K2 Kt-K4 29. BxKt RxR

24. Q-B2 P-QK4 30. Q-R8 ch, K-Q2

25. P-QK4 PxP e.p. Resigns.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 3

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 D. THOMPSON R. CINTRON
 (Chicago) (Puerto Rico)
 1. P-K4 P-K3 10. P-QR3 B-Q3
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 11. O-O-0 P-QK4
 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 12. K-B4 P-KB4
 4. P-B3 P-B3 13. Pxp KtxP
 5. B-Q3 Kt-K2 14. B-K5 GxP
 6. B-B3 B-K3 15. P-B6 KtB ch.
 7. Kt-K2 QKt-B3 16. QxKt KtB ch.
 8. B-Q2 P-Q2 17. P-KK4 KR-K11
 9. P-KR3 P-QR3 18. P-KB4 P-QB3

Gives away a piece.

19. P-B5 Q-K2

After 19. Q-Kt2

Cintron



20. Kt-R4?
 20. PxP, QxP ch, 21. K-Q2 was perfectly safe.
 B-Q2 22. Kt-B5 B-B1
 21. O-Q4 O-K5 24. P-QK3 B-K14
 22. QxQ 23. Kt-R4 P-KR4
 Black has hardly a playable move. If 25. P-B4; 26. Kt(2)-B3; If 25. P-R3; 26. P-B3 white is in check.

26. Kt-Q4 R-(4)-K1 32. KR-K1 B-K3

27. P-B6 Pxp 33. R-Q4 KtxP(R6)

28. KtPxP Kt-K1 34. R-Q3 Kt-B5

29. Pxp Kt-B5 35. R-KK3 KtxP

30. KtxP K-R4 36. R-K17 ch, K-R3

31. Kt-K7 ch, K-R2

If 38. KtxR; 37. R-R1 ch and mate in two. If 36. K-R1; 37. R-K15, P-Q5; 38. Kt-B5, Kt-K16; 39. R-R1 ch, KtxR; 40. R-R5 mate.

37. Kt-KB ch, RxKt 39. RxB Resigns.

38. RxR P-Q5

20. P-B6 Benitez



QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 4

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 A. C. MARGOLIS F. BENITEZ
 (Chicago) (Puerto Rico)
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. Kt-B3 B-K15
 2. P-Q5 P-K5 8. K-Q2 O-O
 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 9. B-K2 Kt-K5
 4. B-K5 Kt-Q2 10. KK1xKt PxKt
 5. P-K3 P-QB3 11. B-B4 P-KK4
 6. Q-B2 Q-R4

This weakening of the K position is risky but Black will have a somewhat cramped game in any case because of his bad Q8.

12. B-K3 P-KB4 14. KtxKt

13. O-O P-B5

Excellent and better than 14. PxP, PxP; 15. B-R4, P-B6, after which Black has excellent chances.

14. PxB 16. P-B5!

15. BxP PxP B-K2

Now neither 16. P-K4 nor 16. Kt-B3 is palatable for Black to try.

16. RxR ch. 23. Kt-K4 B-R4

17. RxR Kt-B1 24. Q-K4

18. B-B4 B-Q2 25. QxKt Q-K1

19. Q-B2 Q-Q1 26. Q-K4

20. B-Q7 ch. K-R1 27. K-K5 ch, Q-K2

21. Kt-B2 B-K1 28. K-Q4

22. Q-B3 Kt-K3 29. P-QK4

White calmly prepares to attack on the Q-side. His two pawns for the piece and his strong position give him a bad equality.

29. B-B3 30. P-QR4 Kt-K13

30. P-QR3 would lessen the force of the advancing P's.

31. P-K5 Pxp 35. PxP RxP

32. Pxp K-R2 36. R-R6 RxR

33. R-QR1 Kt-K1 37. PxR Q-R2

34. PxP Kt-B1 38. B-Q6

Much stronger than 35. PxP, QxP.

35. Kt-K2 Kt-K17 ch, Q-K17 ch.

White rightly judges that the ensuing endgame will be in his favor because of his three passed pawns.

36. QxQ 46. P-K4 Kt-B2

40. PxQ Kt-K2 47. P-K5 B-K2

41. BxP Kt-K1 48. B-Q5 Kt-Q2

42. K-B2 K-B1 49. K-K4 Kt-B1

43. K-K2 K-K2 50. K-B5 K-K1

44. B-K8 P-R3 51. B-B6 Resigns

45. K-Q3 K-Q3

20. P-B5! at once seems preferable and gives Black a dangerous attack. A possible continuation might be 21. PxP, QxP; 22. QxP, R-Q3; 23. BxKt ch, K-R1; 24. QxP (if 24. Q-R8, R-K1), Q-K4 ch; 25. B-K2, R-R6

26. P-K4 Kt-R3 28. Q-B2 Kt-K4

27. P-R3 Kt-B2 29. Kt-Q2 P-B6

There is no justification for this P sacrifice.

30. KtxP KtxP 31. PxKt P-K4

It is true this throttles the White K for some time to come but it also leaves Black's pawn position very weak and gives White the use of Q-B5. 31. P-R3 would be

The pawns march in. A very pleasing game by Margolis. * * *

ENGLISH OPENING

Chicago vs. Puerto Rico

Radio Match Board 5

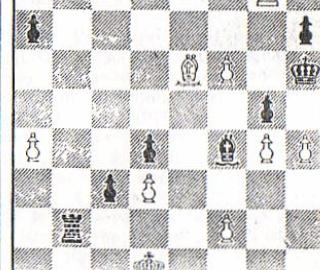
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White Black
 L. ROJAS S. COHEN
 (Puerto Rico) (Chicago)

1. P-Q4 P-K4 4. PxP KtxP
 2. P-KB4 P-KB4 5. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
 3. P-K5 P-B5 6. P-KB5 P-KB5

This nearly leads to disaster. 51. K-B3 should draw. 52. P-R4 B-B5 53. P-B6! R-K7

Adjourned Position Cohen



Rojas

Adjudication by E. W. Marchand

In this extraordinarily difficult position I cannot find a win for either side. A few surprising variations are as follows:— 1) 54. P-B7, P-B7; 55. K-K2, P-B8(Q); ch; 56. K-B3, Q-K8 mate; II) 54. R-QB8, R-R17; 55. PxP ch, KxP; 56. P-B7, Kt-B17; 57. P-B7 wins. 2) 54. Kt-K8! PxP (H 54. RxR, 55. P-B7, P-B7; 56. P-B7, Q-B8; 57. P-R16 ch, K-R4; (Please turn to page 3)

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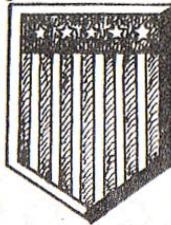
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Everywhere It's Junior Chess

NEW SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE BOOSTS JR. CHESS

Further strides were made in Pennsylvania scholastic chess and a new all-ages chess club organized in Altoona with a single event in that State recently. Led by William M. Byland (Pittsburgh), State Federation President and USCF Vice-President, a match between Central Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh and Altoona high schools was arranged in the latter city.

Pittsburgh's strong club walked off with all honors, defeating the new Altoona Club 6-0 and turning back the Central Staters 3-1. The last named club included players from Harrisburg, York and Reading. Harrisburg and Altoona drew their match 2-2 to place the new club in last place.

Byland, assisted by USCF Director John D. French (Harrisburg), held an organization meeting called by Durwood B. Hatch (Altoona) at the scene of the scholastic matches, the Altoona Undergraduate Center. With Hatch as temporary chairman and George Bender as acting secretary, the new senior club was formed with six senior members and twelve school players.

In addition to the three-sided match as an interest getter, Byland gave a simultaneous exhibition, scoring 15-2. He lost only to Paul Dietz, Pittsburgh Junior Champion, playing in consultation with other top board members of his team, and yielded a pair of draws.

A return event to make final plans for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic League has been set for Harrisburg, May 17-18, with teams from Pittsburgh (2), Philadelphia, Altoona, Allentown (The Lehigh Valley Club), and Central Pennsylvania (2) including junior players from Harrisburg, York, Reading, Lancaster and the Cumberland Valley Club. A match between the Pittsburgh Downtown "Y" Chess Club and the Lehigh Valley Chess Club will complete the highly chessed weekend. All events will be in the Central YMCA at Harrisburg.

The junior events will be directed by Jack Costello, (Hummelstown) who recently won a USCF Life Membership and is now director of Interscholastic Chess for the Pennsylvania State Federation; while the senior match and general chairmanship of the entire affair will be directed by John D. French.

CLEVELAND BESTS AKRON IN GALA 71 BOARD MATCH

A victorious delegation from Cleveland's various chess clubs invaded the Akron YMCA on April 27 and retired triumphant with a final score of 57½-23½ over the combined talent of the Firestone and Goodrich Chess Clubs of Akron. Ninety-four players contested in the match with a double round played on the majority of the boards.



SO. FALLSBURG GRADE SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

The battle for Club Champion is on; and left to right, Leonard Cohen, Mike Finkelstein, Joseph Rosenthal, Allen Findling, Dick Sieglitz, Charles Sieglitz, Norman Klein, Monte Steingart, Melvin Feldman, Walter Greenstein, Harry Fertik, and Richard Rosen (club president) compete for the honor. Standing, left to right, are Mr. Rosenbaum (Monticello, N.Y.), tournament director and Mr. G. Budden (South Fallsburg, N.Y.), tournament director and club advisor.

ILL. STATE CHESS HOLDS MEETING PLANS TOURNEY

The Illinois State Chess Ass'n held its annual meeting on May 4 and elected a new slate of officers. Earl Davidson (Chicago) was chosen president; Russell Cockrell (Rockford), Dean Lybarger (Peoria), Albert C. Margolis (Chicago), Einar Michelsen (Chicago), Homer T. Orsborn (Elgin), and Albert Sandrin (Chicago), vice-presidents; Paul Adams (Forest Park), secretary; and Charles P. Adams (Forest Park), treasurer.

Plans were immediately initiated to hold the Illinois State Junior Chess Championship Tournament upon Memorial Day weekend. Address Paul Adams, 1053 Troost Ave., Forest Park, Ill.



KOLTANOWSKI, WATCH OUT FOR YOUR LAURELS!

Young Albert Sandrin, former Illinois State Champion, grows proficient at the blindfold game. The setting is a recent exhibition at the Midwest Athletic Club (Chicago, Illinois).

For The Tournament-Minded

May 30-June 1

Oak Ridge Open Tournament Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Open to all chess players; entry fee \$3.00, under 21 age \$2.00; address George W. Somers, 631 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oak Ridge.

May 30-June 1

Tennessee State State Championship Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Open to Tennessee chess players; entry fee \$3.00, under 21 age \$2.00; address George W. Somers, 631 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

NOTE: For reasons of security, Oak Ridge is a restricted area. Apply at once, as pass and permit must be obtained by tournament committee for each individual attending tournament.

May 30-June 1

Illinois Junior Championship Chicago, Illinois

Open to all Illinois players under 21; entry fee and place to be announced. Address Paul Adams, 1053 Troost Ave., Forest Park, Ill.

June 17-21

South Dakota State Championship Rapid City, So. Dak.

Open to South Dakota players; will be held at Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Hospitality Room.

July 3-7

26th Southern Association Championship St. Petersburg, Fla.

Open to all chess players; entry fee, Championship, \$4.00; Class A, \$3.00; Class B, \$2.00. Address inquiries to C. E. Taylor, 540 Fourth Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

June 28-July 5

1947 Open Tournament of the New Jersey State Chess Federation Ventnor City, N.J.

Open to all; entry fee \$5.00; address Richard W. Wayne, 238 No. Dudley Ave., Ventnor City, N.J.

June 30-July 12

2nd U.S. National Junior Championship Cleveland, Ohio

Open to all junior players up to 21 years; entry fee \$5.00; address S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

July 4-6

Louisiana State Chess Tournament Baton Rouge, La.

Open to all Louisiana chess players; no entry fee; to be held at YMCA.

August 11-23

48th U. S. Open Championship Tournament Corpus Christi, Texas

Open to all chess players; entry fee to be announced later; address Harry E. Graham, 325 Laurel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

August 30-September 7

New York State Tournament Endicott, N. Y.

Open to all chess players; entry fee and address of registrar will be announced later.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship Allentown, Penna.

Open to Pennsylvania players; will be held at Americus Hotel in Allentown with Lehigh Valley Chess Club as host. Entry fee not announced.

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THE DETECTIVE DISCOVERS CHESS

An interesting signpost to the growing popularity of chess is the presence of the game as more than background material in many popular detective stories. Perhaps S. S. Van Dine pioneered the way with his "Bishop Murder Case." Here a Bishop was the symbol of the criminal and an ending (mate with the bishop) is worked into the distractions of the plot, even if the final significance of the Bishop refers to that most despicable villain in an Ibsen play rather than to a chess man.

Agatha Christie continued the vein of chess in a story of Poirot in which an imposter, disguised as a refugee Russian chess master, uses a chess match to murder, with the opening moves of the Ruy Lopez as the theme of her murder plot.

More brilliant than these examples is "A Happy Solution" by Raymond Allen in which the criminal's alibi is based upon his comments upon a game of chess being played at the time of the crime. The detective privies (and the game is analyzed for the reader) that the criminal could and did make these comments by studying the final position and from that position reconstructed the previous moves on which he commented.

But more surprising than these are the heroic hardboiled detectives of Raymond Chandler's popular works. One expects Philo Vance to know everything from Egyptian hieroglyphs to chess; one is not surprised at the cultured (if egotistical) Poirot's knowledge of a game akin to his own deft psychological manoeuvrings. But one hardly expects the prosaic, cynical, hard-drinking Philip Marlowe to ease his troubles by playing over a game of Capablanca—but he does.

It is a healthy sign for chess, for it wipes out the false stigma that chess is a "sissy" or an old-man's game. We who play chess know better, but the general public still lingers under a dangerously false impression that the jokes and quips of generations have fortified. Chess therefore owes a debt to the writer of detective stories who serves to rectify this impression by the use of chess as material for a plot. In particular it must acknowledge its debt to Raymond Chandler whose hard-boiled protagonist, Philip Marlowe, not only plays chess but leaves no doubt in the readers' mind that he plays it because it fills a need and satisfies a craving.

Guest Editorial

JUNIOR CHESS—AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT

By George S. Barnes

Minnesota State Chess Champion

UNQUESTIONABLY one of the most important developments ahead of the United States Chess Federation lies in the teaching of chess to groups of children. Of course some activity along this line has already been started, but junior chess is still in its infancy as a major development in the United States. What better cause could the United States Chess Federation espouse than the nation-wide teaching of the game to thousands of children? The good of such a program is self-evident and the appeal of our national chess body is immeasurably strengthened.

In years as a national chess organization our U. S. Chess Federation is very young. As with all young organizations time is necessary to develop loyal support, efficient organization, and sound principles. This is being accomplished. Soon will arrive the time for aggressive intelligent action and then junior chess will undoubtedly become a major project of the Federation.

An organization should prosper and grow in proportion to the service it renders. It is difficult to conceive of a more worthy chess endeavor than the development of a young enthusiastic body of junior chess players, thousands of whom will develop a life-long love for the game. When the chess bug bites, it bites hard and all chess players know literally hundreds who would love chess if they had ever learned the game.

When the time for action comes in the development of junior chess on a national scale, the loyal membership of the Federation will receive the acid test. The time and energy of thousands of members will be required to teach chess to tens of thousands of grade and high school students if the job is to be done right. Such action on behalf of the royal game will be a gilt-edged insurance policy, guaranteeing a constantly growing group of chess players and chess public, many of whom will teach chess to others.

This program must be a long range plan. Once organized and

started, it must never be abandoned. An increased measure of support, undreamed of at the present and from many now unknown sources, will flood the Federation as a result of such a program.

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

RAMBLING ABOUT

A Regular Message by
By Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THE little woman called it spring fever. But righteously waving aside such half-truth, I took myself to the Windy City intent upon business and, incidentally, a bit of chess business. First of course, there had been a valiant attempt to liquidate that chronic accumulation of chess mail and it was a rare sight to see the desk down to bare wood for once.

Envolved in Pullman comfort, I unsealed the latest batch of Club Manual manuscript just received from Gene Collett and settled down to reading all about chess publicity, club bulletins and how to start and edit a local chess column. Great stuff. Gene and his associate editors are turning out a Manual which far surpasses our fondest dreams. Watch the clubs zoom ahead after reading a few chapters of the Manual.

I added my bit by dotting a couple of "I's" and paused to reflect how much easier it is to write a chess column these days. There are so many more chess happenings now to write about, and thanks to CHESS LIFE and our chess magazines we no longer need hunt up chess news as in the good old days.

As behoves any good USCF'er upon arrival at Chicago, I lost no time getting proxy Wagner to the phone and, within a few hours, sat down to a nice quiet lunch with him and C. N. Cahill, Vice-President of the Gits Molding Corporation. As you probably know, his company makes those handsome plastic chessmen which help you play a better game.

The Gits people really like our Federation. Not satisfied with packing a USCF membership application with every box of chessmen shipped from their plant, they are donating all the sets needed for our national tournaments. So you can safely leave your set at home the next time. Their small set, low in price but of the same fine design, is ideal for the youngsters, and will help to boost chess in playgrounds and schools. A toast to the Gits brothers and C. N. Cahill!

A pleasant hour with Maurice S. Kuhns at his Hotel Windermere apartment. If we could only stay young for so many years as our President Emeritus. Well up in the eighties, he looks younger each time I see him. We talked of international chess and our position at the F.I.D.E. general assembly at The Hague this summer. It was agreed that the USCF should take a lively interest in world chess affairs. Mr. Kuhns had much valuable advice for me to remember in Holland next July and I'll be flooring the other delegates by wearing that handsome lapel button bestowed upon Mr. Kuhns at the Hague back in 1928.

Elbert Wagner had joined us after disposing of his fast few clients of the day. We nibbled on Mrs. Kuhns' choice tidbits, found ourselves in complete agreement with the P. E. (President Emeritus) and dashed downtown to meet up with Mont Major, that powerful censor of chess news. Half an hour late, but Mont graciously forgave us—having been a bit late himself.

A delicious dinner then, with friend Elbert appropriating the bill, and thus fortified, we entrenched ourselves for a long evening's discussion. It's surprising how many chess matters there are to talk about, even with almost daily correspondence passing back and forth.

Well, we let down our hair and went to work on such weighty problems as the Cleveland Junior championship, the August Corpus Christi open tourney, printing of the club Manual, increasing CHESS LIFE circulation, the new USCF Radio League, checking designs for a Federation lapel pin, getting a good line of chess trophies, the junior program, the next U. S. Championship, the 1949 Golden Jubilee tournament, and so on until the wee hours of the morning.

Chess had to give way the next day to the more prosaic tasks of making a living. A final half hour with friend Elbert before train-time in the evening and back to Syracuse and that desk which no longer was bare as I left it but straining again under the usual load.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Some more words used in Chess; their meaning and origin.

Stalemate:—From "stale"—a fixed position. Stalemate—where a player's King is not in check; his other pieces cannot be moved, and the last move of the opponent prevents the King from moving except into check. The player may claim a draw.

Forced Mate:—When a player cannot prevent the oncoming mate.

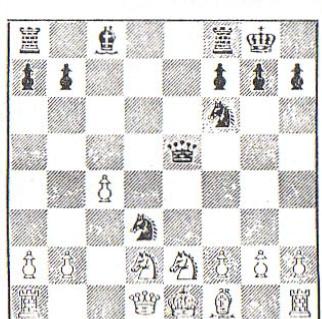
Smothered Mate:—Smother, stifle, suppress. Smothered mate—when a player's King is bottled up, cannot move as mate is announced by the opponent. See illustration below:

White Black
ED. LASKER I. HOROWITZ
1. P-Q4 K1-KB3 8. PxP PxP
2. K1-KB3 P-Q4 9. Kt-QKt5 B-Kt5ch.
3. P-K3 P-B4 10. B-Q2 O-O
4. P-B4 PxP 11. BxP KtxB
5. KtPxP P-K4 12. Kt(5)xQP Q-R4
6. Kt1-KB3 Kt-B3 13. Kt-Q2 Q-K4 ch.
7. Kt-B3 P-Q5! 14. Kt-K2 Kt-Q6 mato

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A Smothered Mate

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Who's Who In American Chess

George S. Barnes

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From the zest for better food, George turns naturally to the zest for finer chess, believing that man

must be nourished mentally as well as physically. He served for many years on the Board of Directors of the original Western Chess Association; became the first president of the American Chess Fed-

eration (when the Western Ass'n expanded in 1934) and then served continuously on its Board of Directors through its expansion into the present United States Chess Federation.

In his many years of activity in chess affairs in Minnesota, George Barnes has been largely responsible for the series of interstate team matches between Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

As a player George has been very active in Minnesota events, and has held the Minnesota State Championship many times, including the current year of 1947.

In the current program of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club to sponsor and encourage junior chess, George Barnes is among the group who have generously donated their time and energy to the cause as befits one of the senior members (in years of service) of the USCF Board of Directors.

Orrin M. Oulman

Learning his chess about fifteen years ago, Orrin M. Oulman has been busy in making up for lost time ever since. He has served as president of the Minnesota chess Association and president of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club for many years as a counterpoise to his activity as an attorney in Minneapolis.

It was under Oulman's guidance and leadership that the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club obtained the exceptional facilities which have made them one of the finest chess clubs in the country.

It was his active campaign for membership which has been sustained through the years which has placed the club upon a self-supporting basis and enabled it to finance the excellent equipment which sets it apart as one of the outstanding clubs.

Among Orrin Oulman's particular hobbies in chess has been the annual (until the war) Minneapolis-Winnipeg team match, conducted since 1935 with thirty players on each side. He has led five out of six teams to victory.

Oulman loves to play chess and is very proficient at the game. But he has never permitted his love of the game itself to interfere with the larger and more important considerations of chess organization and management. For many years he has served as USCF Director for Minnesota.



Orrin M. Oulman

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Triumph of the Underdog

We are accustomed to thinking of Black as starting out with a disadvantage and working hard to equalize the position. For that reason it is always thrilling to see Black seize the initiative almost from the start and come through with a smashing attack.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Jurata, 1937

White	Black
SCHAECTER	WOTSEKOVSKY
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5
4. Q-B2	Kt-B3
Black aims at quick development.	
5. Kt-B3	O-O
6. B-K5	R-K1
7. P-QR3	BxKt eh.
8. QxB	

The natural way to recapture, but problems will soon arise regarding the possibility of Kt-K5. For this reason, Botvinnik has often recaptured with the Pawn in analogous positions, despite the weakening effect on White's Pawn position.

8. Q-K2

Now Black "threatens" Kt-K5. If played at once, it would have lost a Pawn.

9. B-R4 P-Q3

Realizing that 10. P-K3, P-K4; 11. B-K2, B-Kt5 gives Black pleasant prospects, White only compromises his position in a desperate attempt to force the issue.

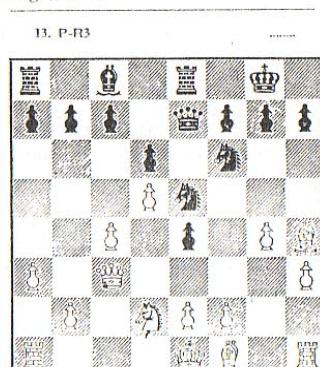
10. P-K4!

1. P-Q5 P-K5!

Seizing the initiative. If now 12. BxKt, PxKt; 13. PxKt, PxKt; 14. QxP, PxP; 15. QxQBP, R-K1L threatening RxP in addition to B-Kt2.

12. Kt-Q2 Kt-K4!

Sharp. If 13. KtxP?, KtxKt and Black wins a piece. If 13. P-K5, Kt-R4; 14. Kt-K13 ditto; or 13. BxKt, QxB; 14. KtxP, Q-B5; 15. P-B3, KtxKtP with a winning game.



13. KtxQP!!

So the discovered attack turned up after all! If now 14. PxKt, QxB; 15. QxP, KtxP or 15. P-K6 winning easily. White therefore gets rid of the Queens.

14. BxQ KtxQ

15. BxP

He fights to maintain material equality, for after 15. PxKt, RxB; 16. B-K2, B-K3; 17. BxP, P-QB3 Black wins easily.

15. Kt-Q6 eh!!

16. PxKt PxPoh

17. Kt-K4

Hoping to be let off with 17.

KtxKt (if 17. RxKtch; 18. K-Q2); 18. B-B4, Kt-Kt6 eh.; 19. B-K3, KtxR; 20. K-Q2, followed by Kt-K2. But now comes a stinging surprise. Can you see it?

17. P-Q7ch!!

Wins a piece! White resigned.

MILLER TWINS TWIN CHAMPIONS OF JR. TOURNY

The Cleveland (Ohio) Junior Chess Championship ended in a tie between Harald and George Miller. Remembering that they finished in a tie for Cleveland City Championship in 1946 and that it took four hard-fought games to break the tie, it was mutually agreed that the Miller twins should hold the Junior title as Co-Champions. The tournament was played in the Treasure Room of the Cleveland Main Library.

Cleveland Junior Championship

George Miller	8 -2
Harald Miller	8 -2
Fred Bartell	7½ -2½
Jim Harkins	6 -4
Victor Polak	6 -4
Rainer Sachs	5½ -4½
Bill Granger	5 -5
Alfred Robleto	5 -5
Martin Levitin	2½ -7½
Edward Congleton	1½ -8½
Norman Saunders	0 -10

G. KOLTANOWSKI TO REFEREE AT 48th U. S. OPEN

The USCF announces that Geo. Koltanowski, the blindfold chess wizard, has accepted the invitation to act as Tournament Director for the 48th Annual U. S. Open Chess Tournament, to be held at Corpus Christi, Texas, from August 11 to 23. Local arrangements for the meeting are in the hands of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, hosts to the event, in collaboration with the business men of Corpus Christi and the Caller-Times.

PROVIDENCE TIES WORCESTER CHESS IN HARD BATTLE

March 21 saw the Worcester (Mass.) Chess Club invade the Providence (R. I.) Chess Club quarters at the YMCA and withdraw in good order with a drawn battle. Last year's three encounters netted Providence 16½ to Worcester's 15½—two evenly matched clubs.

DELMAR SAXTON RETAINS OMAHA CHESS TITLE

By defeating Lee Magee, University of Nebraska freshman, in three straight games in a playoff match, Delmar Saxton retains his grip on the Omaha Chess Championship. In the regular tournament Saxton and Magee tied for first while Nebraska State Champion A. C. Ludwig and J. L. Spence, editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, held a tie for third.

Omaha City Championship

D. Saxton	13 3
L. Magee	13 3
A. C. Ludwig	10 6
J. L. Spence	10 6
W. McLaughlin	8 8
E. L. Holland	6 10
Walter Nelson	4 12
E. Frederiksen	0 16

BROWN UNIV. IS VICTOR OVER PROVIDENCE CLUB

Brown University Chess Club (preempting the services of three players, also members at Providence) inflicted defeat upon the Providence YMCA Chess Club in a recent match.

Brown Univ.	Providence
Rubinson	0
Karp	1
Wolk	1
Arsove	1
Putnam	1
Shapiro	1
Kelley	1
Brown	5

Prov.	2
Sussman	1
Hudson	1
Eklod	0
Worrell	1
Winsor	1
Eckhardt	0
Mancini	0

Prov. 2

SURPRISE—OKLA. FACULTY OUT- SMARTS STUDENTS

On May 4 the Faculty Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma at Norman (Okla.) defeated the Student Chess Club by a score of 9½-2½ in a double round match.

Faculty	Students
A. de la Torre	1
G. Mueller	2
B. Bernhart	2
K. Svendsen	1
P. Lee	1½
R. Bambas	2
Faculty	9½
G. Atatur	1
R. Payne	0
L. Hendrix	0
I. Long	1
W. Miller	½
J. Moody	0
Students	2½

Faculty 9½ Students 2½



VACATION FUN

AT THE
TREASURE
ROOM
OF THE
CLEVELAND
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Boys, and occasionally girls, from Cleveland's junior and senior high schools, as well as some grade school students, gather each Saturday afternoon during the school year in the Treasure Room of Cleveland's main public library. Some groups, like the one in this picture, come to play even during the vacation period, bringing their own boards and sets.

Men Who Work For Chess

Clarence S. Metcalf

LEADERS in Cleveland chess activities give credit to one man for the greatest contribution to the growth of interest in the Junior chess program there. That man is Clarence S. Metcalf, head of the great Cleveland Library System. In 1944, Mr. Metcalf learned that a number of high school boys had been playing chess and it occurred to him that it would be an advantage if these boys were given an opportunity to play once a week in the chess library. Mr. Metcalf proposed to the President of the Cleveland Chess Association that they cooperate with him in promoting activities at the library. Since that time the library has been the chief center of junior chess activities in Cleveland.



Clarence S. Metcalf

Mr. Metcalf is a very modest gentleman and when he is asked for more information about himself, he starts talking about the fine work of his staff and the cooperation of the Cleveland Chess Association. It has been through his guidance and direction that the young people have had the opportunity to play in the beautiful Treasure Room with its inspiring surroundings. The Treasure Room is adjacent to the great John G. White collection which is one of the finest chess libraries in the world and was bequeathed to the library by its former trustee, John G. White.

Cleveland is indeed fortunate to have as the head of its library system a man like Mr. Metcalf. He has often donated prizes and arranged for proper scrolls to be presented to winners of events at the library. The inspiration of such leadership is very helpful indeed!

CLEVELAND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP IN FULL SWING

Ten finalists, survivors of five preliminary qualifying sections, are now engaged in a hard struggle for the Cleveland (Ohio) City Championship. In the regular tournament Saxton and Magee tied for first while Nebraska State Champion A. C. Ludwig and J. L. Spence, editor of the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, held a tie for third.

The toughness of the preliminary rounds were testified to by the fact that 1946 Cleveland Champion George Miller and 1945 Industrial Champion Joe Chavayda were two ranking Cleveland players who failed to qualify.

ROCHESTER BEATS ITHACA CHESS AVENGING UNIV.

Rochester (N. Y.) defeated Ithaca (N. Y.) in a ten board match on May 4 at Ithaca by a score of 6-4, thereby avenging the two losses (5-0 and 3-2) suffered by the University of Rochester chess team in matches with Cornell University. The Ithaca team was largely composed of students from Cornell.

Rochester	Ithaca
Marchand	1
Herzberger	1
Rickless	1
Candee	0
Weig	0
Palmer	1
Lefferty	1
Rogan	½
Schulman	1
Marshall	0

Rochester 6 Ithaca 4

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MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TO DAVID BENTZ

In the recently completed Maryland State Championship Tournament David Bentz, vice-president of the Maryland Chess Club, won the title from a field of twenty players with a score of 16½-2½. Second place ended in a tie between Armin Surges of the Social Security Chess Club and Herbert Bernhardt of the Maryland Chess Club with scores of 16-3.

In the Junior Division of ten players, Robert Iderton won the title of Junior Champion; Robert Prem was second, and Tom Comber third.

The tournament was sponsored by the Maryland Chess Federation which will award an engraved plaque to the State Champion and a deluxe edition of "The Golden Treasury of Chess" to the Junior Champion. Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin of Baltimore will make the presentation. The tournament was directed by Ira Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Maryland Chess Federation.

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States, to be played at Cleveland, June 30-July 12, 1947.

NAME: _____

(Please Print)

ADDRESS: _____

(Street Number)

(City)

(State)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(Month)

(Date)

(Year)

TOURNAMENTS WON OR TITLES HELD:

It is understood that free housing accommodations are to be provided for 60 players in the Junior Tournament. In the event that I am not among those to whom housing is to be given without cost, I shall.....shall not.....be able to play.

I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to S. S. KEENEY, 511 Park Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$5.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to S. S. KEENEY. Please do not send currency.

Chess Life

Tuesday, May 20, 1947

Honor Roll of Club Chapters

Chartered During Month of
April, 1947

Charter No. 153

Fresno Chess Club

Fresno, Calif.

Meets Monday evenings at Hart's Restaurant.

President.....C. Wesley Bird

Vice-President.....Emmett Cantrell

Secretary-Treasurer.....Ralph Stagg

Asst. Sec'y-Treasurer.....Dennis Hoffman.

Charter No. 154

Sullivan County Chess Club

Sullivan County, New York

Meets every Monday, October 1st to May 1st. Meetings rotate to the several towns in the county where members live.

President.....Nathan Rosenbaum,

Monticello, New York.

Treasurer and Historian.....David

A. Kyle, Monticello, New York.

Secretary.....Antonio C. Balducci,

So. Fallsburg, New York.

Charter No. 155

So. Fallsburg Grade School Chess Club

So. Fallsburg, New York

Meets every Friday, October 1 to April 15 at Rivoli Theatre.

President.....Richard Rosen

Vice-President.....Harry Fertik

Secretary.....Walter Greenstein

Treasurer.....Melvin Feldman

Club Advisor.....Antonio C. Balducci

All officers and members are not yet in high school, averaging 12 years of age.

Charter No. 156

Buffalo Chess Club

Buffalo, New York

Meets in Room No. 131 of the Hotel Lafayette.

President.....Selby C. Parker

Vice-President.....Elmer C. Maurer

Exec. Vice-Pres....Harold H. Hodge

Treasurer.....Arthur P. C. Rodenbach

Secretary.....Norman C. Wilder, Jr. Jr.

Charter No. 157

Princeton University Chess Club

Princeton, New Jersey

Meets every Wednesday night at Murray-Dodge Hall, Campus.

President.....Joseph Fancher

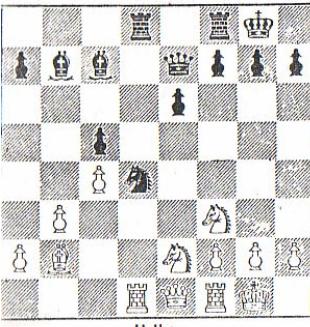
SICILIAN DEFENSE

St. Louis District Tournament, 1947

Notes by C. M. Burton

White R. H. STEINMEYER
 L. W. HALLER Black
 P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-QK3 B-Kt2
 A favorite move of Mr. Haller lately.
 2. Kt-QB3 9. Kt-R3 B-Kt2
 3. B-Kt2 P-K3 10. Kt-B3 B-B2
 4. P-K5 P-Q4 11. P-Q3 P-QK3
 5. PxP e.p. Kt-KB3 12. Kt(B2)-Q2 Q-K2
 6. Kt-KB3 BxP 13. Q-K1 QR-Q1
 7. B-K2 O-O 14. Kt-K4 Kt-Q2
 8. O-O P-QK3 15. P-B4 Kt-B5
 15. KtB5! H 16. PxP, Kt-Kt5, etc.
 (Marchand)
 16. Kt-K3 Pxp 18. R-Q1
 17. QPxP Kt-Q5 Kt(B5)xP ch.
 19. KtxKt

After 19. KtxKt Steinmeyer



19. BxKt! 21. R-Q3
 20. KtxKt PxKt
 White must reconcile himself to the loss of a piece. If 21. PxR, Q-R5 soon forces mate.
 21. Q-R5 23. BxP RxB
 22. P-K3 Q-R4 24. K-Q3 QxP ch!
 f 25. KxQ, R-R5 ch; 26. Kt-K1, R-R8 mate.
 Resigns

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME
 Exhibition Game at Mount Vernon,
 Washington

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black
 J. ULVESTAD A. W. DALE
 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. PxP P-B4
 2. P-QB4 P-K3 6. P-K3 Kt-B3
 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 7. B-Q3 P-Q3
 4. P-QR3 BxKt ch.

This difficult variation, which always leads to interesting play, has adopted a good deal in recent years. In most cases, Black has played P-Q4 on the fifth, sixth or seventh move, and has generally come off quite badly. Hence, Dale tries P-Q3, which leads to a less open game and cuts down White's attacking chances accordingly.

8. Kt-K2 P-K4 10. O-O P-B4
 9. P-B3 Kt-K4 11. R-Kt1
 Too slow. White could lumber up his somewhat crowded position with 11. Kt-Kt5, Kt-Kt5! (not 11. Q-Kt4?); 12. P-B4?; 12. PxR opening the King-Rook file, and giving him more elbow room by means of the exchange. For Black to win a Pawn now by 12. BPxP; 13. BPxP, PxP; 14. Pxp, KtP would be foolhardy, for after 15. R-Kt1 ch, White has strong pressure.

An intriguing alternative is 11. P-Kt4?; 12. P-KR4, Q-Kt3; 13. K-R2, Kt-B3; 14. PxP, Q-R4 (14. BxP; 15. R-Kt1); 15. Kt-K3, QxP ch.; 16. Kt-K5, Kt-KR4; 17. Kt-K4 etc.

As White plays, he gives his opponent ample time for development, with the upshot that White's weak QBP is soon menaced.

11. O-O 13. P-Kt3
 12. Q-B2 Q-R5
 Weakens the King side. Better B-Q2-K1 etc.

13. Q-R6 15. PxP
 14. R-B2 Kt-B3

White fears a Pawn sacrifice exposing his weakened King-side. For example, Black may have been planning 15. P-K6!; 16. BxP (if 16. Kt-B4?, PxP), PxK (not 16. Kt-K6?); 17. R-Kt2, PxP; 18. BxP, KtxP; 19. Rt-B4 and wins); 17. BxP, KtxP; 18. RxRch, KxR; 19. QxKt, R-B4. But even here White could save himself with 20. Q-B3, Kt-K1; 21. Kt-B4.

Still, he had no plausible alternative to the text but 15. P-Q5, leaving his Bishops in a sorry state.

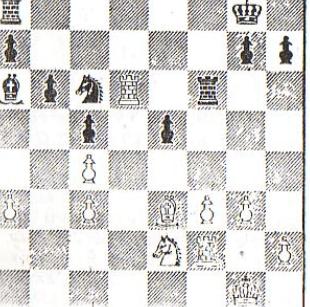
15. PxP 17. BxP
 16. P-K4 PxP
 He wants to occupy K4 with a piece; but Black foils him!

17. KtxB 19. QxQ RxQ
 18. QxKt Q-B4 20. B-K3

Now White is unable to defend the weak-hold at Q4. The situation has simplified nicely for Black's purposes.

20. P-QK3 22. R-Q6 R-B3
 21. R-Q1 B-R3

After 22. R-B3



Simpler than 22. Kt-R4, which was too playable: 23. BxP!, KtxP!; 24. R-K6 forced, if 24. R-QB6, Kt-R4!, Kt-Q7 threatens BxKt); 26. B-K3, KtxP ch.

Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. MarchandDept. of Mathematics
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Rochester 3, New York

23. RxR PxR 25. P-B4 B-B6
 24. P-K4 Kt-R4 29. PxP P-B6
 25. Kt-KB3 KtxP 30. P-R3 P-B6
 26. B-B1 R-Q1 31. Kt-B5 F-K5
 27. R-B2 B-K2 32. Resigns

White's surrender is a bit premature, but in view of the threats of 24. Kt-R4 and 25. B-Q8, he has no play. The game has the typical Duke virtues: steady, clear, free from extremes. Obviously Arthur's long leave from serious chess (he spent several years in the Army) has done his play no harm. With three first-class players of the Coast (Steinher, Duke and Ulvestad), the day is not too far off when the Westerners can offer a serious challenge to the Atlantic seaboard for chess supremacy.

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ORTHODOX DEFENSE

North American Tournament of the Correspondence Chess League of America

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black
 S. H. KOVALSKI E. W. CARLSON
 (Newark, N. J.) (Los Angeles, Calif.)
 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. B-K15 B-K2
 2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. P-K3 QKt-Q2
 3. Kt-QB3 P-Q4 6. Q-B2 P-B3

A slight inaccuracy; in all variations where the White Q goes to B2 the Black QBP begins at R4. It was, however, a good idea to postpone this move until after the K was in safety, i.e. 6. P-KR3; 7. B-R1, O-O; 8. Kt-B3, P-B4; 9. R-Q1, QxR with about even chances.

7. Kt-B3 P-KR3 9. R-Q1 R-K1
 8. O-O
 This move serves no useful purpose unless Black wanted to play Kt-B1 and then later abandoned this idea.

10. B-Q3 B-Q3

Black seems to move about aimlessly. By moving the same piece twice in the opening without necessity or advantage, he neglects the development of his Q-side badly.

11. O-O

White has—by the most natural moves—completed his development and has placed every piece most effectively. The following exchange of Ps and giving up of the center renders the Black game almost untenable.

12. PxP 12. BxP

The liberating 12. PxP will be answered with 13. Q-Kt6 and an irresistible attack.

13. Q-B2 13. Kt-K4 B-K2
 Preferable was 13. KtxKt; 14. QxKt, Kt-B1.

14. B-KK3 Q-R4 15. Kt-Q6 R-Q1

The lesser evil would have been 15. BxKt.

15. B-K3

Black threatened Kt-Kt5.

16. Kt-K2 17. KtKtP!

With most of Black's pieces tied up on the other wing this sacrifice must lead to victory.

17. KtxKt

Black has hardly any choice.

18. Kt-K6 ch. Kt-K1 21. BxP Kt-K1

19. Q-K6 R-B1 22. B-B2 Kt(Q4)-B3

20. B-KB4 23. P-B4

Kt(K3)-Q4

Instead 23. P-KK4, B-Q8; 24. P-Kt5, BxKt; 25. PxKt, BxP would be good for Black.

23. B-Q3 26. P-KK4 BxKt

24. R-B3 Q-B2 27. PxP B-Q2

25. QR-KB1 P-B4 28. PxKt

The simplest but not the quickest way to win.

28. Q-Kt5, avoiding the exchange of Qs, keeps Black all tied up. The Kt will

not run away.

28. QxQ 32. R-B4 RxP
 29. BxQ KtP 33. RxR P-R6
 30. B-Kt5 B-Q2 34. RxP PxP
 31. BxKt B-B3 35. PxP

White is now two connected passed Ps ahead and must win easily.

35. R-Q1 43. R-B2 RxQP
 36. R-B4 K-K12 44. K-K13 P-R4
 37. B-B2 B-Q4 45. P-Kt5 P-R5
 38. P-Kt3 R-QB1 46. P-R5 PxP
 39. B-K4 R-B8 ch. 47. PxP R-K5
 40. Kt-K2 R-Q8 48. R-B5 P-Q5
 41. BxQ R-PBx 49. R-Q5

In R and P endings the Ps belong behind the Ps; behind one's own Ps and behind the enemy Ps.

49. R-K6 ch. 51. P-R6 ch. Kt-K3

50. Kt-K4 P-Q6 52. R-Q6 ch. Resigns

A splendid game.

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FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

1946 Intercollegiate Team Tournament

Notes by Walter Shipman

White Black
 J. KIELSON W. SHIPMAN
 Brooklyn College (Columbia Univ.)
 1. P-K4 P-K4 5. KtxKt PxKt
 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 6. P-K5 PxKt
 3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 7. PxKt QXP
 4. B-K5 Kt-Q5 8. KtPxP
 9. QxP is more accurate.
 10. P-B3 11. P-Q4 P-O-O
 9. B-K2 P-Q4 12. R-K1 P-QKm

Allowing the QB to develop, and preventing White from getting play in the center with an eventual P-QR4. If White tries for P-QR4, Black defends easily with P-QR3.

13. B-K3 B-KB4 16. KR-K1 P-KB4

14. Q-Q3 19. R-Q3 Kt-B3

15. R-Q3 BxP 20. B-B2 RxR ch.

16. QxP 21. R-RxKt Kt-K1

17. PxQ 22. R-RxR KxR

18. Kt-K2 23. P-K3 R-K1

A strong post for the Bishop if he can be maintained here. Black's Pawns are beginning to wobble, but his game is still playable.

19. P-K4 16. P-K2 B-B4

After a patient defense, Black goes astray. Better, says Bernstein, was 16. Kt-K1; 17. KtxB, PxKt; 18. BxKt (18. R-B4, P-B4), PxR; 19. RxP, Kt-B3; 20. R-Kt5, B-B4 and Black is safe.

21. BxKt 22. Kt-Q4!

This powerful move decides the game. From now on, every White move is a killer-diller.

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After 22. KxR Shipman

Kielson

Black has played for exchanges because his B is more effective in the ending than White's. While the endgame is favorable for Black, I don't know whether or not he can force a win. However, after White's next move, the game is a forced win for Black.

23. B-K3 ? BxP 26. K-K3 K-Q3

24. PxP P-K4 27. K-Q2 P-B4!

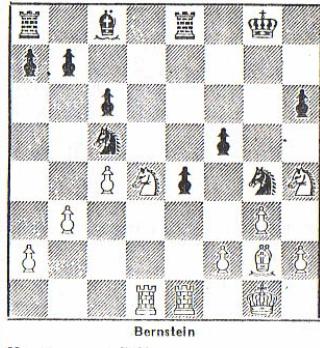
25. K-B2 K-Q2 28. PxP ch.

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23. B-K3 ? BxP 26. K-K3 K-Q3

24. PxP P-K4 27. K-Q2 P-B4!

25. K-B2 K-Q2 28. PxP ch.

After 22. Kt-Q4!
 Pilnick

Bernstein

22. B-Q2

If 22. R-B1; 23. P-B3, PxP; 24. BxP, and Black is helpless.

23. P-KR3

Adopted and strong. If 23. Kt(R4)xP, Rf-Q6 followed by 24. P-B4 or 23. Rt(Q4)xKtP, R-KB1; and in either case Black has counterplay.

23. Kt-K4 25. BxP Kt-B2

24. Kt(Q4)xKP 26. Kt-K7 ch! Kt-B2

Now comes the final phase, sharply calculated and neatly executed by White.

27. Rxt Kt-K1

If 27. KtxR; 28. Kt-K16 ch!, K-R3; 29. KtxR, RxR; 30. RxR, KtxR; 31. RxR etc.

28. Kt-K16! RxR 29. RxR ch KxR

29. Kt-K16! Kt-K1 31. RxR Resigns

Black's material inferiority leaves him helpless. Tactical play without the Queens always creates a charming effect.

G. KOLTANOWSKI ANNOUNCES MATE IN 8 (BLINDFOLD)

At a simultaneous blindfold exhibition in Milwaukee at the Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. Chess Club on March 27, Koltanowski announced a mate in eight moves against the club secretary, Herbert Dunning. The blindfold expert won seven out of eight games and drew the eighth against Thomas Terry, the club tournament director.

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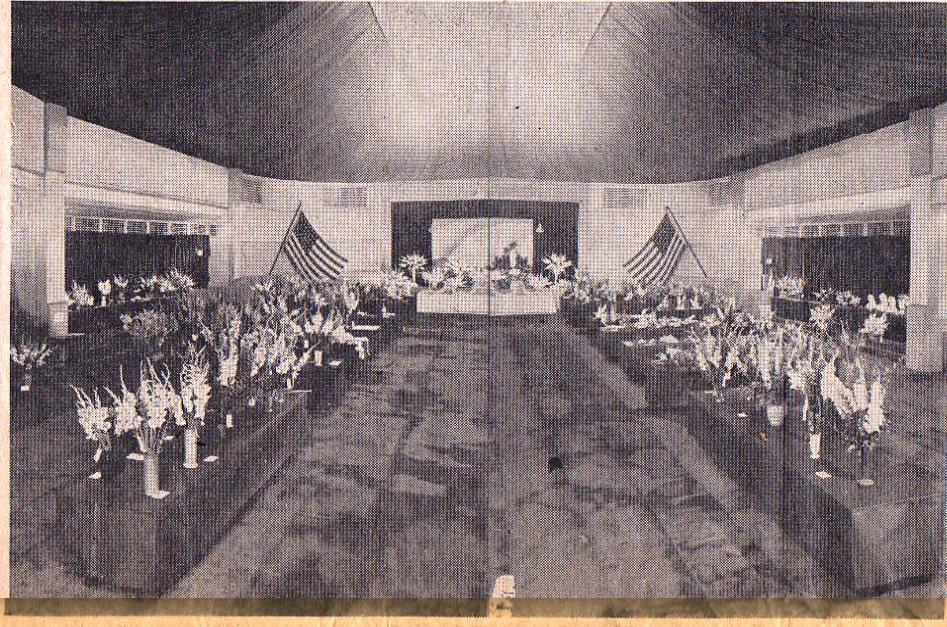


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Hahlbohm Is Chicago Champion



THE HIGBEE AUDITORIUM

The scene of the approaching U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament, a luxurious and spacious hall dedicated in this picture to the displaying of the Ohio State Gladiators Show. Donated by the generosity of the Higbee Company of Cleveland, it provides an ideal setting for the Junior Tournament.

FRANK ANDERSON TORONTO (CAN.) CITY CHAMPION

Winning his final game from Howard Ridout, Frank R. Anderson became 1947 Toronto City Champion with a clean score of 6-0. Second place went to R. B. Cody, former Hamilton champion with 4½-1½, and Howard Ridout placed third with 4-2.

The newly organized Weston Chess Club ambitiously picked a tough customer for testing its fledgling powers and crashed down to defeat after a hard fight with a score of 4½-1½. The victorious host was the well-established Gambit Chess Club of Toronto.

MOTHER NATURE KABITZES MATCH CALLS STALEMATE

All set for a peaceful evening of chess via short-wave radio, the Lancaster (Pa.) Red Rose Chess Club and the York (Pa.) Chess Club failed to obtain a clearance from Mother Nature. The match was well under way with Harry Sheffy of Lititz (Pa.) on W3LUC sending for the Red Roses and Geo. Gable of York on W3EDO sending for York when Mother Nature asserted her resentment at not being invited to the match. A sudden electrical storm engulfed York and lightning struck the York station, burning out fifty feet of the lead-in wire. Result—a stalemate.

Plans to complete the match are under way, and the Red Roses are looking for more worlds to conquer, beginning with their rivals in Harrisburg, Elizabethtown, Chambersburg and Allentown.

MARTIN SOUTHERN PLANS COMPILED CHESS DIRECTORY

Martin Southern, USCF Director for Tennessee and President of the Southern Chess Association, plans to issue in September a directory of chess players in the United States. Chess players are requested by Mr. Southern to furnish him with biographical data, year of birth, business address and telephone numbers, family hobbies and chess activities. The directory will be assembled alphabetically by states. Historical data on all chess clubs, active or defunct is also wanted. Address information to Martin Southern, 615½ Market St., Knoxville, Tenn. The directory will sell for \$2.00 and may be ordered from Mr. Southern, but it is not necessary to place an order for the book to be included in the listing.

PHILADELPHIA GROWS ACTIVE ON AIR LANES

With an experimental team of five match via short-wave radio between the Germantown "Y" Chess Club and the Abington YMCA Chess Club, Philadelphia took to the air. Next came a match against Bryn Mawr Chess Club, and matches against Lancaster and York are planned.

In addition a match is being arranged against Buenos Aires in which the Germantown and Abington clubs will pool their talent to face the Argentine experts. Alfred E. Caserta, 433 East Gorgas Lane, Philadelphia, is radio operator on station W3KRF, and clubs are invited to contact him for arrangement of short-wave matches.

FRANK TROUTMAN CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAIRMAN

Recognizing that a veteran best understands the needs and problems of veterans, the USCF has appointed Frank Troutman of the Veterans Hospital, Lexington, Ky., as chairman of a sub-committee on correspondence chess in the general program of "Chess for the Veterans" under the general chairmanship of S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Trotman, himself a patient in a VA hospital, has waged an unremitting campaign to have the therapeutic and recreational value of chess recognized; and has gained approval of his program from the Chief Medical Director and the Special Services Bureau of the Veterans Administration. As chairman of the USCF sub-committee he will bend his efforts to the developing of correspondence play between the veterans in various VA hospitals, USCF members and Club Chapters in various communities can lend inestimable aid and encouragement to this project.

PATRICK HENRY WINS CLEVELAND JR. HIGH TITLE

After several tie matches the Patrick Henry Junior High School team wrested victory from the Thomas Jefferson Junior High in Cleveland to gain the Junior High School Chess Championship. Melquist, sponsor for the Patrick Henry Club, has had a club going in the school for some twenty years. M. L. Warren is the sponsor of the club at Thomas Jefferson.

ENTRY LIST FOR JR. CHAMPIONSHIP SWELLING DAILY

A recent release by S. S. Keeney, registrar for the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, June 30 to July 12, shows the out-of-town entries pouring in. Local entries from Ohio and Cleveland have not been announced, as their number may be limited by the number of entries from throughout the country.

Among the more recent entries (since publications of the original list in CHESS LIFE on May 5, are these veterans of the first Junior Tournament: Ted Lewis (Chicago), Richard J. Crittenden (Milwaukee), Henry Martin Blume, Jr. (Milwaukee), and Paul Poschel (Chicago). The last is the present Illinois State Champion.

Others are Morton Mark Shaffer (New York), Harold M. McDonald (Flint, Mich.), Ronald Badertscher (Hoboken), James Kelly and Saul Wachs (Philadelphia), Albert H. Rothaus (New York),

Donald F. Stetzer (Chicago), and Dan W. and Dick Ralph Myerson (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.). Of these challengers Morton Shaffer scored 7-1 on board two for City College in the recent Intercollegiate Team Matches; Ronald Badertscher is captain of the victorious Hoboken team in the Jersey City School League, while Saul Wachs is Pennsylvania Junior Champion and James Kelly the runner-up.

Other entrants, previously announced, include Walter Shipman, Champion of Columbia University; Larry Evans, Jr. Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, Jack Hursch, second in the Denver City Championship; and Jack Spence who tied for first in Nebraska State Championship.

CANADIAN JUNIOR PLAYERS ENTER U. S. JR. TOURNEY

By vote of the USCF Executive Committee junior players from Canada will be eligible to compete in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament. The request of Mr. Bernard Freedman of Toronto for admittance of Canadian juniors was enthusiastically endorsed by the Tournament Committee; and this action has particular significance in the fact that Larry Friedman, defending Junior Champion, and Harald Miller, both of whom played in the 1st Tournament at Chicago, are members of this committee. The boys warmly welcomed the proposal and scornfully rejected a suggestion which would prevent the Canadians from taking the national title in event that one of them finished first. "If they're good enough to win, they are entitled to the honor."

Among the youthful Canadian experts to enter are: Robert Warner (16), Junior Champion of Toronto; Ross Siemans (12), who finished second to Warner; Frank Anderson (19), Walter Prystawski (13), president of the Toronto Junior Chess League, and K. Hastings (16).

H. HAHLOHM IS WINNER CHICAGO CHAMPIONSHIP

In an unusually difficult field of ex-champions, Herman Hahlbohm rode out the storm to become 1947 City Champion of Chicago with a score of 6-2. Hahlbohm lost one game to Margolis and drew two games—with Poschel and Shaffer—to gain the title by one-half point. Breathing on his neck during the whole course of the contest was runner-up Albert C. Margolis with a final score of 5½-2½, who lost games to Michelsen and Thompson and drew with Isaacs. Third place was a three-way tie between Einar Michelsen, Lewis J. Isaacs and Burton Dahlstrom with score of 4½-3½, to testify to the tightness of the contest, in the strongest City Championship event since the early thirties in Chicago.

Three former Western Ass'n Champions: Einar Michelsen (Excelsior, 1907), A. C. Margolis (Kalamazoo, 1927), and H. Hahlbohm (St. Louis, 1929) were in the finals,

together with Illinois State and Junior State Champion Paul Poschel. Lewis J. Isaacs, dean of Chicago chess players and veteran of several U. S. Championship Tournaments added to the strength of the field. Only the names of S. D. Factor (Western Ass'n Champion, 1921 and 1930) and former State Champion Albert Sandrin were missing from the list of Chicago's top flight players in the contest.

(For box score see page four.)

EUWE-REINFELD JOIN THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The Chess Correspondent (publication of the CCLA) has just announced the signing of Dr. Max Euwe, former world champion, and Fred Reinfeld, this country's best known writer and theorist, for what is described as the most important series of analyses published in America since the war.

Starting in the Correspondent's May-June issue, the series will lead off with Reinfeld's analysis of the "Radio Match" variation of the Ruy Lopez, including a new line, and will continue to keep the readers up-to-date on new variations as they appear.

Dr. Euwe, currently in Curacao, will follow with hitherto unpublished investigations in the Indian Defenses—one of the broadest fields in the whole gamut of chess theory, many variations of which are still unexplored.

These new articles, by two of the world's leading analysts, climax the Chess Correspondent's emphasis during the past year on giving its readers the best and newest ideas in chess, according to P. L. Gold of Brooklyn, the editor. Recent features included Botvinnik's early games with his own annotations, A. E. Santasiere's exclusive analysis of his own opening (1. Kt-KB3, 2. P-QKt4), and analytical articles on Flohr's Gambit, the Exchange and Motzko variations of the Ruy Lopez, and others.

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SOUR GRAPES?

SOMEWHAT tardily in the May issue of CHESS REVIEW appears an article by M. Botvinnik—it was published in "CHESS" in March—in which the Russian master criticizes the proposals concerning the World Championship originally advanced by CHESS REVIEW over a year ago.

Our occasionally esteemed contemporary hastens to inform its readers that the views criticized were indeed those of CHESS REVIEW and not the proposals of the USCF. On this point CHESS LIFE thanks the REVIEW for its somewhat belated assumption of ownership—CHESS LIFE had already published a disclaimer of interest in those views on April 5.

In the editorial of this same May issue, CHESS REVIEW reiterates its belief in its own opinions (and why shouldn't it?); but ends its statement lamely with a question concerning the "silence" of the USCF concerning the World Championship.

Readers of CHESS LIFE, of course, are well aware of the exchange of correspondence between our Mr. Giers and Dr. Rueb (all of which has been published in CHESS LIFE). If recent issues have been silent on the subject, it has been because there has been no change in the Federation's attitude, and so nothing further meriting publication.

Since copies of this correspondence between Mr. Giers and Dr. Rueb were released to CHESS REVIEW, it is difficult to excuse this question (and its false implication) upon the basis of ignorance. It is true, however, that the USCF has not hastened to embrace all the ideas advanced by our ingenious contemporary.

Can it be that the grapes taste sour?

YES, JUNIORS PLAY CHESS

FROM time to time some well-intentioned adult will rise in protest to the matching in club contests of some bright-eyed junior against an inoffensive and astigmatic adult. Remembering how on the athletic field the youth, even of more mature years, is outranked by the greater experience and stamina of the older athlete, our protesting interrupter always means well. But he is not very well versed in the history of chess.

To the fact that Morphy at the age of thirteen won and drew in a two-game match with the recognized Hungarian master, J. J. Lowenthal, he responds that this was an exception; and he shrugs his shoulders at the reminder that Capablanca was Champion of Cuba at fifteen.

A few years ago, he could afford to shrug and state these were exceptions. But today, his well-intentioned protests merely display his ignorance. A junior, Robert Byrne, is New England Champion; a junior, Paul Poschel, is Illinois State Champion; a junior, George Kramer, was last year's New York State Champion; in the U. S. Championship two juniors, George Kramer and Albert Sandrin, not only qualified in a field of their seniors but placed ninth and tenth ahead of well known players. Third place in the Master Reserve Tournament went to a junior, Hans Berliner. In the U. S. Open Tournament fourth place was shared by Donald Byrne, a junior, and the well-known theorist, Olaf Ulvestad; while the Master Reserve, Major, and Major Reserve Divisions were all won by junior players.

Yes, the junior plays chess; and he often plays it better than his seniors. In this city of Cleveland, where the 2nd U. S. National Junior Tournament will be held, it is the Pawns Club (composed exclusively of juniors) which holds the club team championship of the city.

Guest Editorial

ORGANIZED CHESS

By Lucius A. Fritze

USCF Director, Illinois

THE position of the local small playing groups in relation to the broad expansion of chess club activities in this country is one of increasing interest. Many of the chess clubs that have functioned for years had a beginning which stemmed from a small playing group who desired greater competition in their chess play and a more attractive program of chess entertainment.

In the evolution of the small group to a well organized chess club we find the underlying strength of chess advancement in the U. S. A. The pattern of such progress has been demonstrated in the many clubs now functioning and whose origin was a small group playing at irregular intervals at the home of one of the members.

Under our American way of life and with the business background of many of our chess players, we usually find in any small group an individual who has had experience in promotional or organization work and who is highly qualified to organize a chess club. Usually such an individual can weld together easily several playing groups in a city to form a club and thereby provide programs of greater interest for all the members and at moderate cost.

The united effort of two or more small playing groups provides a nucleus for an active club. The result of such cooperation is well demonstrated by many prosperous clubs now operating in various cities throughout the country.

Some 12 years ago in a small midwestern city, two groups of chess players were active. One group included a number of strong players who met frequently at the home of one of the members. The second group included rather weak players, but these players were anxious to learn. The second group, however, included several successful business executives who felt that the logical thing to do was to combine both groups into a club, since it would be possible to provide a more varied form of entertainment. With well directed publicity, including a little persuasion, a club was organized and within a short time it had a membership of over 35. In spite of war conditions, with a heavy shift in population, the club has been most active and the members have enjoyed excellent entertainment and a happy association.

The small playing group is the key to chess expansion in this country.

[The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.]

BUSY JULY — BUSY AUGUST

(Monthly Letter No. 42)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE next two months will see two major Federation tournaments, both of which promise to set new records in size, quality of play and all around excellence. The second annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States will open at Cleveland on the 30th of this month, and for two full weeks the good burghers on the shores of Lake Erie will see pyrotechnics never before displayed on the chess board. The first junior tournament a year ago demonstrated that the average youngster would rather wind up in a blaze of glory after a brilliant combination (as would the rest of us if we dared) than rest content to score a mere win through more prosaic methods. This year the number of players will be larger, the play more diversified and the entry list considerably stronger.

An international tinge will be given the tournament if present plans materialize for a group of Canadian boys to enter the competition, and their presence will add interest as well as strength to the tourney.

Another pleasing note is the prospect that Herman Steiner may again be on hand to officiate at the tournament. The youngsters idolized Steiner a year ago and are eager to have him back. The Californian's breezy personality, his tales of other tournaments in this country and abroad, plus the fact that in spirit he is completely a youngster himself, assure his popularity with players of all ages.

For their playing room the boys will have the luxurious setting of the huge auditorium of the Higbee Company's department store—a spacious hall which can easily accommodate fifty tables for match play and leave comfort and space for many spectators. Designed for flower shows, art exhibitions and other dainty displays, the Higbee Auditorium will gain new character by the experience.

For recreation the boys have some delightful surprises in store. It was my pleasure to meet with the Tournament Committee at Cleveland a few weeks ago, and I know that a great deal of earnest preparation is being made for the comfort and entertainment of the boys who will play in the Junior Championship.

Transferring our thoughts from Ohio to Texas, mention must be made of the gigantic tourney for which the Open Championship Tournament Committee is preparing at Corpus Christi in August. Details will be announced in later issues of CHESS LIFE, but meanwhile a word to suffice the wise: This particular Open will sparkle with color and interest; don't delay in sending your entry to the Tournament Committee—you will most decidedly not want to miss this event.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

MODERN IDEAS IN CHESS By Richard Reti; David McKay (\$2.00)

Richard Reti's book, "Modern Ideas in Chess," is just that, although the volume was written when Dr. Max Euwe was "a young Dutch master." The valuable little handbook has been reprinted by the energetic McKay Company in its new program of reissuing many of the standard texts of the world.

Reti was the herald of the Hypermodern School of masters, (and average players such as we), and in this volume he gives a concise explanation of just what these players (as Capablanca and Alekhine) have to offer in improving the game. Like any chess text, the volume uses games to illustrate the points involved. These, however, are made even more sparkling by the intimate appraisals made of almost all the players by Reti, an interesting writer as well as an enterprising master. Most of these men he knew personally, played against them, then analyzed with them the Hypermodern School ideas.

The book deals more fully with many of the European "new thinkers" than most American and English texts. As such it will prove both entertaining in the personalized aspect of the masters, and of immense value in the study of their playing style. A book to read, not study; the full value is thrust upon the player without any conscious effort at work or drill.

According To A. Sid. Test

Misfortune isn't funny, but some comedians can turn misfortune into laughter. Chess isn't a dull game, but some players . . .

Who's Who In American Chess

Lucius A. Fritze

A successful business man himself, Lucius Fritze has always maintained that the same principles which bring success in business are applicable to chess organization. Equally well as Vice-Pres. of the Elgin Softener Company and as organizer of the Glen Ellyn Chess Club, he has often proved his point.

Always supporting any constructive suggestion for Chess, Fritze has himself contributed many excellent ideas to promote and strengthen the whole Federation program. About two years ago he made a systematic survey concerning chess clubs in every Illinois city having a population over 10,000 and the results and conclusions of the survey have been valuable to the Federation in determining more than one point of policy.

As USCF Director for Illinois since 1944, Fritze has been liberal with his time and the benefits of his experience whenever called upon by the Federation, and currently is acting as an Associate Editor of the Club Manual which will be published in the near future.

Married and the father of a son, Richard, (15) Fritze does not let the love of chess monopolize his interests. As an additional outlet for his gifts he holds a love for music, and is a composer of distinction.

Herbert H. Holland

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Herbert Holland has traveled extensively as might be expected of an attorney in the service of the Federal Government, and is at present located in Chicago, Illinois.

As a lawyer, he has the distinction of being licensed to practice in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

As a veteran of the 1st World War and who spent many months in a government hospital, Herb Holland has a particularly strong feeling of fellowship for the service men who are hospitalized as the aftermath of the recent struggle.

Upon settling in Chicago Herb became the USCF Area Director for the Midwestern area in the USCF "Chess for the Wounded."

Herb has successfully demonstrated the theory that a man on a hospital cot, feeling low and lost, will respond more favorably to learning chess, if the suggestion comes from a pretty miss. He has therefore taught numbers of young women to play chess so that they in turn can teach the game to wounded veterans—this with the assistance and under the watchful eye of Mrs. Holland. For this program of instruction the Allerton Hotel of Chicago has generously provided a spacious room and donated much equipment.

Groups organized by Herb Holland visit on a regular schedule the veterans at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, McIntyre Hospital (also at Great Lakes), Hines Hospital, and Vaughn Hospital (adjacent to Hines). For his extensive work with the wounded Herb has been honored by the American Red Cross with special recognition.



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Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Time Marches On

ONE evening I was very much taken with a pretty little game played by Milton Hanauer in a Metropolitan League match. "Here," I said to myself, "is the perfect refutation of the view that modern chess is dull. This game deserves to be published." I clipped the score out of a newspaper and carefully placed the clipping in my wallet. Many a time I was on the point of annotating and publishing the game, but always something intervened. My wallets wore out, I bought new ones, but the clipping, like its contents, was indestructible. At last the time has come to publish the game. Alas, almost two decades have passed since it was played! Can the game still be called modern??!

New York, 1929

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

White M. HANAUER Black F. BARTHA

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. B-K5 QKt-Q2
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 5. P-K3 B-K2
3. P-B4 P-Q4 6. QKt-Q2

Capablanca's idea: he intends to answer an eventual PxP with KtxP, bringing this piece into powerful play at K5.

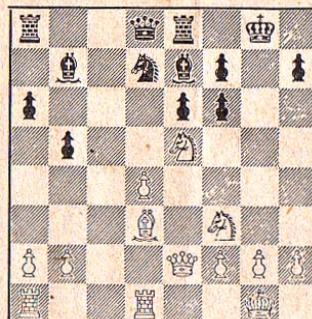
6. 0-0 7. B-Q3 P-QR3
The simplest course, and quite good for equalizing purposes, is P-B4 followed by P-QKt3, B-Kt2 etc.

8. 0-0 P-B4 9. Q-K2 R-K1
Weakening the King Bishop's Pawn, without any apparent purpose.

10. KR-Q1 BPxP 11. KPxP PxP
He lets the Knight come into play because he is intent on burdening White with an isolated Pawn.

12. KtxP P-QKt4 14. BxKt PxB
13. Kt(4)-K5 B-K2
Played with a laudable objective: keeping White's Knights out of K5.

But now White has a winning attack:



15. KtxP!! KxKt 16. Kt-K5 ch!! PxKt
King moves transpose into the text continuation; 16. KtxKt;
17. Q-R5 ch wins easily for White.
17. Q-R5 ch K-K2 19. Q-R6 ch K-K1
18. QxRP ch K-B1 20. B-R7 ch Resigns
If 20. K-R1 White mates in
3. If 20. K-B2, White mates in 2.

FOR "OPERATION MICHIGAN" D-DAY SET AS JUNE 6

In an ambitious program for the benefit of those who have never played chess, a group of public spirited citizens—the Wayne County Public Library Commission headed by William Van Dyke of Detroit—will sponsor a series of lessons on chess. This will not be a library function, but the facilities of the library will be used as a setting for the lectures in the various towns where the commission operates a public library.

Northville (Mich.) will be the scene of the first of the series, starting on June 6 and conducted bi-weekly until the seven lectures have been completed. On June 7 a similar series of lectures will be inaugurated at Plymouth (Mich.), a city about five distant.

After the instruction has been completed, it is planned to organize chess clubs in each town and schedule a series of friendly matches. If the experiment is successful, the plan will be extended to other towns throughout the county.

The chess classes will be conducted by Edmund Peckover, a man of considerable experience in teaching chess, and sufficient sets will be provided by the commission so that all the participants may take them home between sessions during the instruction by signing up for them at the library. The outcome of this experiment will be studied carefully by USCF officials in the hope that it will prove a pattern adaptable to other communities throughout the country.

GREATER CHICAGO CHESS LEAGUE ENDS ITS SEASON

Play in the Greater Chicago Chess League team matches ended with a gala open house at the Hawthorne Chess and Checker Club on May 9. Special feature of the event was a lightning team tournament at ten seconds a move, won by the Reynolds Club (University of Chicago) team with a score of 5-0. Austin Chess and Checker placed second in the speed bout with 4-1; and the hosts, Hawthorne Chess and Checker, were third with 3-2. Prizes at this event for the six best individual scores went to Paul Poschel (Austin Chess) and five members of the victorious Reynolds team: M. S. Ellenby, M. Kahn, A. Tuckler, J. Hubert, and J. Moore.

In the regular schedule of the Greater Chicago Chess League the contest ended in a tie between the recently organized Chess Club of Chicago and the Reynolds Chess Club—both teams winning six matches and losing one. It is planned to play off the tie in the near future. Leading individual scorer in the league was M. S. Ellenby, former Illinois State Junior Champion and former Ohio State Champion.

Greater Chicago Chess League
Chess Club of Chicago 6-1
Reynolds Chess Club (U. of C.) 6-1
Austin Chess and Checker Club 4½-2½
Hyde Park Chess Club 4-3
Automatic Electric Chess Club 3-4
Hawthorne Chess and Checker Club 2½-4½
Electro-Motive Chess Club 2-5
Ogden Chess Club 0-8

ROYERSFORD CLUB BOWS TO READING IN FIRST MATCH

The recently organized Chess Club of Royersford (Pa.) visited Reading Chess Club for its first inter-city match on April 25 and admitted defeat in its initial effort by a score of 7-3 in favor of their hosts.

Royersford Chess	Reading Chess
R. Kneeram 1	C. Weikel 0
M. Zeman 0	D. Francis 0
A. Schieber 0	N. Nichols 1
H. Thomas 1	T. Evans 0
G. Shindel 0	R. Yeoman 1
L. Rothermel 1	K. Savage 0
C. Fencl 0	E. Francis 1
H. Kawecki 1	H. Carl 0
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As host to the Edison Chess Club (Detroit) the Ford Chess Club accepts defeat gracefully. Board One (left) is the promising young Jack O'Keefe of Edison, facing Murray G. O'Neil, President of Ford Chess Club. Board Three (left) is USCF Director James R. Watson, and USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend may be distinguished in the background.

J. F. HURT WINS CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

With a single loss to H. Reid Holt to mar an otherwise perfect score, J. F. Hurt, Jr., 1939 West Virginia Champion, won the city championship of Charleston. Hurt has held the title twice before, in 1935 and 1942. H. Reid Holt was second with 7-2, losing to Edward Foy and drawing with William Hartung and Allan B. Gilliland. Edward M. Foy placed third.

The consolation division of the Charleston tournament was won by Frank Branner with a score of 6½-1, who yielded his only draw to young Edward Holt. The latter placed second with 5-2.

Third was a tie between Larry Kinnaman and A. Schoenfeld with 4-3 each. In the minor division Jesse Church and Delmer Robinson tied for first with 7½-1½, one-half point ahead of Hugh Allison with 7-2.

In the club championship tournament of the Carbide Chess Club (South Charleston), a six round Swiss, Allen DuVall placed first with 6-0 and Ray Martin finished second with 4½-1½. Both these players competed simultaneous in the club meet and the Charleston City Tournament. In the City Tournament DuVall placed in a tie for fourth with 6-3 and Martin placed eighth.

Charleston City Championship
John F. Hurt, Jr. 8-1
H. Reid Holt 7-2
Edward M. Foy 6½-2½
Allen DuVall 6-3
William Hartung 6-3
Larry Kinnaman 5-3
Allan Gilliland 4-3
Ray Martin 2½-6½
Mrs. Myrtle Snyder 1-8
Fred White 1-8

OKLA. CITY CHESS BESTS STUDENT CLUB (OKLA. U.)

In a double-round five board match on May 18, the Oklahoma City Chess Club, acting as hosts, gained a 6-4 victory over the Student Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma (Norman).

Oklahoma City Student Chess
S. Lomanian 1
H. H. 2
W. L. Calvert 2
U. G. Stroud 1
R. Kelly 1

Minnesota Junior Championship
Player Won Pts.
Burton Kronstadt 5½ 28½
Terry Lee 5½ 21½
Sheldon Rein 5 21
Donald McElroy 5 17
Kenneth Ellington 5 15

JUNIORS SERVE ON COMMITTEE OF JR. TOURNAMENT

Quite properly, two juniors serve on the Committee of the 2nd National Junior Championship at Cleveland; they are Larry Friedman, U. S. Junior Champion, and Harald Miller, former Cleveland Junior Champion. Chairman of the committee is A. R. Phillips, 607 Williamson Building, Cleveland 14; and S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Building, Cleveland 14, handles finance and registration.

C. A. Berry is secretary; Milan A. Kontosh, treasurer; and J. Eberle Brown is in charge of programs and forms. J. J. Worz, Larry Friedman and Harald Miller are responsible for housing; and Stanley Prague and Larry Marsh are charged with recreation. Publicity is entrusted to Luke Lapsley, Edward F. Johnson, Mrs. Mena Schwartz, and R. G. Morrisette.

Scene of the tournament will be the Higbee Auditorium, a vast and beautiful hall donated by the Higbee Company in the interests of Junior Chess, while publicity has been assured by the cooperation of the Cleveland Press.

UPSET THE WORD FOR MINNESOTA JR. CHAMPIONSHIP

The final rounds of the 1st Championship Tournament of the Minnesota State Chess Association, played in the rooms of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club, resulted in an upheaval with two "dark horses," Burton Kronstadt and Jerry Lee upsetting the general favorites, Melvin Janowitz and Sheldon Rein—two veterans of the first U. S. National Junior Championship.

The tournament was conducted as a seven round Swiss under the guidance of L. P. Narveson, president, and Robert R. Gueydan, secretary of the Minneapolis Chess Club.

Minnesota Junior Championship
Player Won Pts.
Burton Kronstadt 5½ 28½
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Thursday, June 5, 1947

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EDISON CHESS (DETROIT, MICH.) ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Edison Chess and Checker Club James R. Watson was elected president, H. Douglas Lewis vice-president, Edward I. Treend secretary, and Abra Mason treasurer.

In the Noon-Day Tournament of the Club final results showed Mahon victor with a score of 11½-2½; Watson was tied with Mason for second with 11-3; Seller was fourth with 10½-3½; and Treend and Lewis shared fifth with 10-4.

M. FINKELSTEIN IS MEMBER OF TOUR. COMMITTEE

Milton Finkelstein, energetic director of collegiate chess activity for the USCF, has been appointed a member of the committee under Richard Wayne which will study the problems of the U. S. Championship Tournament and present recommendations at the Corpus Christi meeting.

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IRREGULAR OPENING
Chicago Championship Tournament,
1947

Notes by Lewis J. Isaacs

White J. ISAACS Black E. MICHELEN
1. P-K4 P-KKt3
2. Kt-KB3 B-Kt2 5. O-O
3. P-Q4 P-B3 6. P-QB3 P-QB4
4. B-Q3 Kt-KB3
Michelsen plays an irregular opening (which means not recommended in the books). Michelsen, a fine natural player, has won many games with it, due to the fact his opponents were only theoretical or book players.

2. Kt-KB3 B-Kt2 5. O-O
3. P-Q4 P-B3 6. P-QB3 P-QB4
4. B-Q3 Kt-KB3
In order to break up White's center pawn position, White expected it and therefore played P-QB3 the move before.

7. P-KR3
To prevent Kt-K5 or later Kt-Kt5, same idea as in note above.

7. Pxp 11. R-B1 B-Kt2
8. Pxp Kt-QB3 12. B-Kt1
9. Kt-QB3 P-QH4 13. P-Q5
10. B-K4

13. Kt-Kt1 was the other reasonable move. Black gets a doubled P but expected later to play P-K3 etc.

14. KtxKt PxKt 15. P-QR4
White wants to break up Black's united Ps in order to have a free field for the attack.

15. P-Q4
Black is too anxious to move the Q, so that he may have the chance to cooperate.

16. Pxp PxP 17. Q-K3 P-Kt5
17. P-Q4, B-R3 would not be better. White would move 18. B-Q3 and have a chance to grab the open QR file.

18. Kt-K2 B-R3 21. Kt-B3 R-Kt1
19. R-K1 B-K4 22. QxP
20. Qxp Q-R3

Black did not overlook the P, but expected to have an open field, after having the White KQ in his camp. Plenty of games have been lost that way—“Oh, moral! The greatest general cannot go to his enemy's camp alone!

22. B-B5 23. Q-R7
The best way to get out of trouble, 23. P-QKt4 instead would just put the Q in more danger.

23. RXP 28. RxR BxR
24. QxQ BxQ 29. R-B1 B-Kt4
25. Kt-R4 R-Kt5 30. P-KB3 Kt-R4
26. Kt-B5 B-Kt4 31. B-Q3

27. B-Q2 R-B5
White, seeing all the good, has in mind the P on Q5. Pieces should be exchanged in order to finish the game.

31. BxP 36. B-R6 Kt-Kt2
32. KtxB R-Q1 37. KtxP R-Q8 ch.
33. P-Q6! R-Q1 38. K-R2 Kt-Q3
34. P-Q7!! Rxp 39. Kt-K4

35. R-B8 ch. B-B1
Kt-B6 ch. was threatened by White.

36. Pxp PxP 42. BxP KtxB
40. Pxp PxP 43. KtxP

41. Kt-K3 R-Q2
White has a won game.

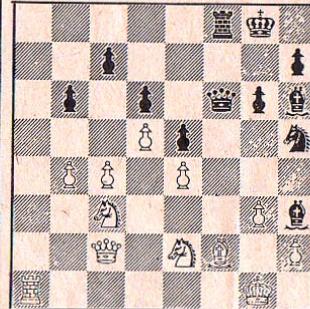
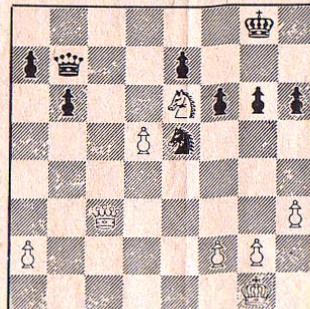
The next forty moves are omitted and the final position shown in the diagram.

Position after Black's 82nd Move



Michelsen

Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. MarchandDept. of Mathematics
University of Rochester,
Rochester 3, New York18. PxP RxR 19. RxR Q-B3
After 19., Q-B3
Planas38. RxR RxR 39. QxR
After 39. QxR
Kendall

still struggle:
18. Kt-Q6 ch K-K2 19. KR-K1 Q-K3
19. P-Q4 KtxKt? 20. Kt-B5 ch, BxKt;
21. R-B5 Kt-B5 22. RxR ch etc.
22. B-B5 Kt-B7 mate.
22. Kt-B5 ch Resigns
After 22., KxR White mates in two: 23. KtxP ch, K-K2; 24. Q-B6 mate.

SLAV DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club Champion-
ship Preliminaries, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White J. SOUDAKOFF Black H. AVRAM
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 6. B-Q3 Pxp
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 7. B-Q3 P-QKt4
3. P-Q4 Kt-B3 8. B-Q3 P-B4
4. Kt-QB3 P-K3 9. K-P4 P-B4
5. P-K3 QKt-Q2 10. P-K5

So far both players have followed the book but now Black tries an innovation.

10. Kt-K5
The book move and better move here is: 10. Pxp which counter-attacks and breaks up the White center. The text move brings the Black Kt into a very vulnerable position.

11. Kt-Kt5!
In connection with the following move this is the refutation of Black's strategy.

11. Pxp
This is still comparatively the best. If instead 11., Kt-B3, follows 12. KtxP!
PxKt; 13. BxKt, PxP; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K2;

15. P-Q5, PxP; 16. KtxP ch, K-K3; 17. Q-B5 ch, KxKt; 18. B-K4 ch, K-B5; 19. Q-K6 ch, K-K5; 20. P-R3 ch, K-R4; 21. P-Kt4 ch, Pxp; 22. PxP ch, KxP; 23. 0-0 and the Black K is helpless.

12. KtBP!
Insufficient would be 12. QxKt or 12. Q-B3 because of KtxP etc.

12. Q-P4
Black combines counterattack with defense.

12., Kt-K5 would leave him after 13. QxKt, KtxP; 14. Q-R5 ch, K-K1; 15. QxKt,

PxKt; 16. QxP ch, K-K2; 17. Q-B6 mate.

13. P-Kt3 Q-R4 14. P-KR3 QxKt

14. Kt-K5 P-Kt4 15. P-Kt5 KtxKt

15. B-Q4 BxKt 16. P-Kt6 Kt-K1

17. P-Q5 Resigns

This dramatic finish reminds us of Marshall's or Pillsbury's brilliancies. The poor White Kt seems to be trapped but a P approaches; then the Kt is sacrificed to make room for a new Q, but no, she also disappears, so the B can give the knockout blow.

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Albert C. Margolis	1	x	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	5½—2½
Einar Michelson	0	1	x	0	½	½	½	1	1	4½—3½
Lewis J. Isaacs	0	½	1	x	1	½	½	1	0	4½—3½
Burton Dahlstrom	0	0	½	2	0	1	1	1	1	4½—3½
Paul Poschel	½	0	½	½	0	1	½	½	1	3½—4½
Joseph Shaffer	½	0	½	2	0	0	x	1	1	3½—4½
Don Thompson	0	1	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	2½—5½
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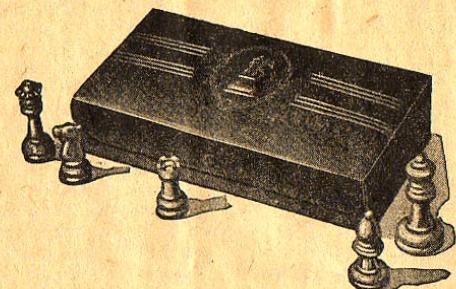
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Cleveland Welcomes Juniors!

HELMS' SIMUL. SENDS PLAYER TO JR. CHAMPIONSHIP

On May 21 Herman Helms, dean of American Chess, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the junior chess club of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, winning eight, drawing one, and losing three. The funds raised at this event will be used to defray the traveling expenses of the Hudson County Junior Champion, Ronald Badertscher, to the U. S. Junior Championship at Cleveland.

May 19 saw the Log Cabin Chess Club "B" Team in the visitor's role trash to defeat against a Jersey City "Y" team led by Badertscher. Final score was 6-2.

Jersey City 6 **Log Cabin** 2
 1. Badertscher 3 2. S. Smith 3
 1. Cohen 1 3. J. Lauter 0
 0. Eigen 0 4. C. Laufer 1
 5. Lingen 1 5. C. Johnson 0
 5. Vacca 3 6. F. Lancks 3
 4. Kaplan 1 7. D. Campbell 0
 2. Brehne 1 8. D. Blankarn 0
 5. Westerman 1 9. J. Kortjus 0

Jersey City 6 Log Cabin 2

In an election held on May 12, Paul Helbig was chosen president, Louis Eigen vice-president, Dave Koese treasurer, William J. Ceepker, Jr. secretary, and William Walbrecht team captain. By victory in the club tournament Fred Brehne became club champion for the 1946-47 season.

PHILA. BULLETIN CENTENNIAL HAS "LIVING CHESS"

The Philadelphia Bulletin will celebrate its centennial as one of America's outstanding newspapers with a gala field day upon July 4, planned to accommodate a million spectators, expected to attend. As the closing feature of this day of many outstanding events a mammoth game of chess is planned with living chessmen. Harry Morris, member of the USCF Committee on Intercollegiate Chess, together with members of the Philadelphia Intercollegiate Chess League will be in charge of the chess pageant and game. The Bulletin has always evinced interest in chess, and is the donor of the fine cup which serves as championship trophy in the Intercollegiate League of Philadelphia.

DR. G. A. KOELSCHE WINS SO. MINN. CHAMPIONSHIP

Nineteen players competed May 25 at Owatonna (Minn.) in a four-round Swiss to determine the Southern Minnesota Chess Championship. Victor was Dr. G. A. Koelsche (Rochester) who recently won a match from the Minnesota State Champion, George S. Barnes. Second place went to Stan McMahon (Winona), third to Sommer Sorenson (Zumbrota), and fourth to B. C. Broderick (Mankato). Others placed in the first eight were in order: Don Alkire (Mankato), L. S. Harbo (Winona), Ken Grant (New Ulm), and Al Knaub (Mankato).

APOLOGIES IN ORDER—DISCOVER BOY IS GIRL

Reporting in the May 5 issue of CHESS LIFE the early entries in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, the name of Jean Bowley (Newton Junction, N. H.) was included with those of other boys. Blushing, we must admit that we missed the "Miss." Now, let us formally introduce Miss Jean E. Bowley, born May 2, 1932, whose feminine intuition needs no prompting to know that any miss is more than a match for a mister.

Remembering the "Vera Menchik Club" composed of ranking masters who found the Czechoslovak maiden more than a match in a tournament game, we confidently prophesy that the Junior Tournament will have its "Jean Bowley Club" before the meet is over. CHESS LIFE must not take sides, but our best wishes go with you, Jean Bowley, for showing once again that chess is not a "man's game."

KUJOTH WINS WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the annual Wisconsin State Chess Championship Tournament held at the Athearn Hotel, Oshkosh, May 2-4, Richard Kujoth, the promising Milwaukee junior, walked away with the honors, scoring 6½ out of a possible seven in a seven round Swiss. He conceded his only draw to Averill Powers of the Milwaukee Journal.

Second place went to Ayer with 5½-1½, while third place ended in a three-way tie between Powers, Buerstatte, and Rev. Spear with scores of 5-2 each.

The quality of Kujoth's achievement may be measured by the fact that in the next group, tied for sixth were 1946 Champion Jerome Kraszewski and former Champion A. Elo, Rathmann, Hurley and Cabot with equal scores of 4½-2½.

D. O. BROOKS WINS INDIANA TOURNEY MARTINSON 2nd

In the Indiana State Championship Tournament held at Logansport on May 17-18, D. O. Brooks of South Bend, member of the Gary Chess Club, emerged as Indiana State Champion. Runner-up was George Martinson of Chesterton, also a member of Gary Chess Club. Semi-finalists were Worth Meehan of Portland and D. E. Rhead of the Gary Chess Club.

The tournament, conducted on an elimination basis, had twenty-eight entrants, and defending State Champion John Van Benton of Indianapolis (three times winner) had the misfortune of facing George Martinson in the first round of play. After twelve hours of play they had both won a game and drawn a third, so a fourth game was necessary in which the defending champion weakened and lost.

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Thomas A. Burke
Mayor

June 4, 1947

Mr. A. R. Phillips, Chairman
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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS A. BURKE, Mayor.

FOR "OPERATION MICHIGAN" A FLYING START

With twenty-six students in Northville on June 6 and thirty-two at Plymouth on June 7, "Operation Michigan" (as reported in June 5 issue of CHESS LIFE) got off to a flying start. The Northville attendance at the first of the series of instructive lectures on chess was primarily composed of high school age, while by contrast the groupings at Plymouth were of a family type, fathers and sons or daughters and in several cases mothers, too.

In each case the service of the library was used in the lending to the chess students of chess books or instruction and chess sets also. It was an inspiring sight to see these folk, many quite young, leaving the library with a set and a book tucked under the arm. Sixty chess sets and fifty copies of Learn Chess Fast had been purchased to provide this most unusual service.

Under the able direction of Walther H. Kaiser, County Librarian of Wayne County, and the patient and pains-taking instruction of J. E. Peckover, this project should serve as a model for similar ventures, and special mention should be made of the enthusiasm shown by the staffs of the Plymouth and Northville libraries and the excellent news coverage of the project by the Plymouth Mail.

A feature of the advertising at Northville was a display of rare chess books, interesting pictures and unusual chess sets in the center of the main room of the library, which attracted much interest. Items in the exhibit were from the collection of Edward L. Treend (Detroit), USCF Secretary, who loaned them to the Northville library for this occasion.

CCLA PROBLEMS CONTEST WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Winners in the big international two-move change-mate problem tourney conducted by the Chess Correspondent in memory of Walt James, have been announced. No less than 100 entries were received from forty-three composers in twelve countries. The world-famous American two-move expert, F. Gamage, acted as judge.

AWARDS

Regular Section

1. A. Chicco Italy
2. N. Guttmann Minneapolis
3. M. Wrobel Poland
4. C. Manfield Scotland
5. E. M. Hassberg New York
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3. E. Foschini Italy
4. N. Bonavia Hunt England
5. J. Buchwald New York
6. M. Wrobel Poland
7. A. Chicco Italy

Special Section

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2. E. Holliday Charlestown
3. Lindner Hungary
4. A. P. Erkens Holland
5. J. A. W. Swane Holland
6. C. Mansfield Scotland
7. A. Ellerman Argentina

In addition the following problems received commendation without being graded: Bata, 2 (Hungary); Croes (Holland); F. C. J. De Blasio (New York); Foschini, 2 (Italy); Gevers (Belgium); Kiss (Hungary); Kovacs (Hungary); Mathot (Belgium); Piatesi (Italy); Postma (Holland); Rietveld (Holland); Rizetti (Argentina); Szoegehy (Hungary); Visserman (Holland); Watts (England).

The prize-winning problems will be published in the July-August issue of the *CHESS Correspondent*.

ALL DETAILS SET FOR JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

As the time draws near for the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland, Ohio, the Tournament Committee through its chairman, A. R. Phillips, reports that all the details are set for this important event.

Advance entries from all over the country show that the field will be strong and observation of junior chess tactics prove that the meet will be exciting from start to finish. Cooperation of the City of Cleveland through Mayor Thomas A. Burke and of the Cleveland Public Library through Clarence S. Metcalf are but a token of the way the Cleveland business men and Cleveland Press have put their shoulders to the wheel to make the 2nd Junior Tournament one of the outstanding chess events of recent times.

Recent entries include Dean Tweeddale (Everett, Wash.), Snohomish Co. Jr. Champion and fifth in 1946 Northwest Washington Championship; Carl Cohen (Miami, Fla.); Thomas Swihart (Elkhart, Ind.); Robert C. Warner (Toronto, Can.), Jr. Champion of Toronto; Ross Siemers (Toronto, Can.); and Ernest Shulman (Toronto, Can.), Jr. Champion in 1946.

Expected entries include Richard Kujoth, new Wisconsin Champion; Eugene Levin, Jr. California Champion; and Jim Cross (Calif.), a veteran of the 1946 Jr. Tournament.

DOMINION CHESS CONGRESS (CAN.) QUEBEC JUNE 22

From June 22-29 the Canadian Chess Championship Tournament will be held in Quebec under the sponsorship of the Quebec Chess League with Jules Therien as chairman of the Tournament Committee and Osias Baiu as secretary. Due to the untimely death of J. H. Belson there will be no defending champion, but former champions in Frank Verhoff and D. A. Yanofsky are expected to compete as well as the visiting New Zealander, R. G. Wade. M. Sim of Toronto will be Tournament Director.

Concurrently a juvenile championship tournament will be held under the direction of P. H. Nadreau, open to players under nineteen years of age. Prizes for this meet have been donated by the Civil Employees Chess Club of Toronto.

COLLEGE GROUP ACTIVE IN "CHESS FOR VETERANS"

Under the leadership of the USCF College Chess Committee, headed by Milton Finkelstein, the colleges of the New York City area are sending a steady stream of players to provide chess for the 6,000 patients at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the David Kulok Post of the Jewish War Veterans is sponsoring the H. Arthur Nabel Chess Club.

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ETHICS IN JOURNALISM

IT is with regret that we notice that in recent issues our once esteemed contemporary, CHESS REVIEW, is floundering in that treacherous morass of half-truths and evasions that inevitably leads to a policy of deliberate lies. The most dangerous trap in modern journalism is the temptation to "slant" the news to bolster up a previously established belief or policy. It is a trap that has snared more than one great newspaper, and caused loss of prestige and honor to more than one editor. We are glad, therefore, to note that CHESS REVIEW has merely slipped upon the edge of this morass, and still has time to draw back to firmer ground.

It is a matter of no concern to the USCF that for many months CHESS REVIEW has carefully excluded any mention of the Federation in reporting various USCF tournaments and events—the Federation requires no publicity from CHESS REVIEW—but it is a matter of great concern to the loyal readers of CHESS REVIEW that they are not receiving an unbiased and complete report of chess in their own country. They have paid their money in the understanding they would receive the truth; when they receive less than the truth, they have been cheated.

A typical example of this policy of half-truth (the art of lying by omission rather than commission) occurs in the April issue of CHESS REVIEW where the next U. S. Junior Championship Tournament is announced and CHESS REVIEW assures its readers that "the Cleveland and Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association are working jointly to insure the success of the event." It would be difficult for the uninformed reader, relying upon CHESS REVIEW for his knowledge, to know that this is a Federation tournament and that without the Federation support it could not be held. Yet CHESS REVIEW cannot plead ignorance of this fact, for the details of its printed story are drawn from Monthly Letter No. 39 by President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. in the March 5 issue of CHESS LIFE.

Since CHESS LIFE considers these journalistic tactics contemptible in themselves and beneath the dignity of the Federation as well as injurious to the reader who is at all times entitled to the truth, there will be no attempt at retaliation.

It would be easy, however, in reporting the simultaneous tour of L. A. Horowitz to "slant" the news items on his various exhibitions so that the reader would draw the conclusion that he was not particularly successful. When in Toronto, for example, Horowitz conceded seven draws to junior players, CHESS LIFE reported simply that "Horowitz meets Junior Talent" and said that the "juniors were not easy pickings even for an experienced campaigner." If CHESS LIFE had wished to sink to the level of CHESS REVIEW it could have headlined this story: "Juniors Baffle Horowitz," and said in effect that Horowitz succeeded in drawing seven difficult games, owing to the inexperience of his young opponents" to infer that the juniors actually had much the best of it. Likewise a judicious selection of games in "Tournament Life" (carefully chosen to include only games that Horowitz lost)" could be used to bolster up the impression that the Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW was an over-rated player who was slipping rapidly.

These tactics would undoubtedly seem ethical to CHESS REVIEW, or judge from their recent issues; but CHESS LIFE will never stoop to such dubious and sordid tricks. If the time comes that Horowitz's activities as Co-Editor of CHESS REVIEW are so detrimental to American Chess that they out-balance his contributions as a player, CHESS LIFE will simply ignore him. Until that time his activities will continue to receive an unbiased reporting.

Since it is always a sad spectacle to see a fine publication (and CHESS REVIEW has contributed much to American Chess) sink into the mire of misstatement and misrepresentation which leads inevitably to obloquy and oblivion, we express the hope that our formerly esteemed contemporary will find the mud distasteful and climb back again upon the path that is strait, the path that is difficult to follow, but the path that leads surely to honor and respect.

According To A. Sid. Test

There is no use in making plans in advance against some chess players I know. By the time they have decided to make their next move, you've completely forgotten everything you planned in advance, and have to begin all over.

PASSING THOUGHTS

A Regular Message by
Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

THE sun beamed upon Syracuse in rare good humor when Bill Bland and John French came up from Pennsylvania for a weekend of consultation and planning. As king pin of chess in the Keystone State and with his string of chess titles, Bill needs no introduction.

John French has been in organized chess for hardly more than a year, but his exploits in chess promotion already have made the front pages of CHESS LIFE. An editorial writer for the Harrisburg Telegraph, he wields a mighty pen, his enthusiasm for the royal game is positively contagious and it's a safe bet that he will play a star role in USCF development.

We concentrated on plans for national chess publicity, expansion of our Junior and College chess program, final touches on the USCF instruction book *CHESS for the Millions* and a variety of other subjects.

The next morning found us without serious after-effects from our mental exertions and we boarded the trusty 1940 model for a meeting with the officers of C.C.L.A. (Correspondence Chess League of America) at the Newark, N. Y., home of Tournament Director "Jimmie" Jenkins. It seems good to shake hands again with Erich Marchand, the League's new president, well known also as games editor of CHESS LIFE.

The officers of C.C.L.A. have injected much new life in this excellent organization which has always been on the friendliest of terms with our Federation. An even closer affiliation than heretofore was established at Pittsburgh last year when C.C.L.A. was made custodian of the U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship title.

We had a most pleasant discussion at Newark and worked out various details of collaboration. Phil Gold, who had come up from Brooklyn, blushed with becoming modesty when we paid tribute to his fine work as editor of the *Chess Correspondent*. It's a splendid chess magazine and the C.C.L.A.'ers have good reason to be proud of their publication.

Genial N. P. Wigginton of the Washington Chess Divan, USCF club chapter No. 1, is having his troubles these days with a severe back ailment. Those who know our effervescent vice-president will agree that he deserves only the best of health. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Wig!

An orchid to Ed Treend, our noble secretary, for his part in "Operation Michigan," successfully launched at Northville, Mich. two weeks ago. This program of library instruction for newcomers to chess, as reported in CHESS LIFE, may well be the forerunner of a tremendous library chess program from coast to coast. It is remarkable how "Ed" can find the time and energy for this and other feats of chess promotion in addition to the long hours devoted to his secretarial duties.

It All Depends On You

NOT every chess player, however sympathetic his intentions, can participate in that great and glorious part of the "Chess for Veterans" program which revolves upon frequent visits in groups to the various VA hospitals to play chess with the maimed and ailing victims of our recent war. Some of us are so employed that we cannot fit a visit into the schedule of our day; others do not live with a reasonable distance of a VA hospital.

BUT there is a program that we can all find the time to enter upon and a program which scoffs at distances. We can all play correspondence chess with a few veterans, if not with many, and so do our own small part in the most worthwhile enterprise that has been given to chess in our time.

It is now generally agreed that chess has a recreational and a therapeutic value particularly adapted to the needs of the wounded and hospitalized veterans—it provides distraction, it arouses that competitive urge that is so necessary to shake some from the lethargy of post-war exhaustion, it supplies that ever needed and most important link with the outside world which softens the tendency toward too much introspection. The link with the world is the cardinal point; who wins the games does not matter much.

Reader, you can give so much for so little in effort and cost! It takes only a few minutes (caught at any odd moment of the day) to make your move and write in on a penny postcard, adding only a word or two of friendly interest. The dividends it will pay in comfort and recreation to some isolated veteran (for one can be lonelier in a crowded hospital ward than anywhere else in the world) are incalculable. And your own reward will surprise you in the making of unexpected friends and contacts among your correspondents, in finding new outlets for your own interests, and in that most satisfying of all accomplishments: the knowledge that you have done something worthwhile for which you expect and ask no reward.

BUT remember that our wounded veterans are for the most part only allotted \$8.00 per month for their incidental expenses: tobacco, postage, toilet articles and the necessary comforts that alone make hospital life bearable. Most of them cannot afford the luxury of many penny postcards for many correspondence games. So when you play correspondence with a veteran in a VA hospital, use a double postcard so that he can answer you without cost.

Chess clubs, neighboring any VA hospital, can add to their activities by supplying government postcards, rubber stamp sets for diagrams together with ink pads for the veterans who wish to play correspondence chess. Consult your local Red Cross unit in the hospital to ascertain the exact needs.

And chess clubs and individuals everywhere can all join in the worthy cause of correspondence chess for wounded veterans by writing to their Congressmen and urging emphatically passage of a bill (now lost in a committee) which would provide for the franking of the mail of all veterans in VA hospitals.

Make the resolve today to add at least one or two correspondence chess games with veterans to your program, and write at once either to S. S. Keeney, 511 Parke Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio or Frank Troutman, VA Hospital, Lexington, Ky., asking for the names of veterans who desire to play chess by mail.

Who's Who In American Chess

John D. French

John D. French, 25-year-old USCF Director for Pennsylvania, is a relatively newcomer to organized chess. He learned the game some years ago from his Episcopal clergyman father, but was unable to find competition. Little more than a year ago he started playing again when he discovered a friend who "knew the moves." He organized the Harrisburg Chess Club to "have someone to play with," and arranged a match in that city between Pittsburgh and Allentown as an introduction to organized chess.



John D. French

At the Pittsburgh meeting of the USCF French was named to the vacant Central Pennsylvania Directorship of the U.S.C.F. Since that time he has edited the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin, now called the "best Little Chess" paper in the country" by Gene Collett; refereed the USCF Intercollegiate Championship Matches in New York City; written the publicity section of the USCF Club Manual; helped organize several clubs in his district and the Central Pennsylvania Chess Team League.

Johnny French is now head of the PSCF Scholastic Chess, a new activity in that State; and has sold "chess in the playground" to the City of Harrisburg, which recently purchased 60 USCF sets to start the program this month.

French is a newspaper man on the Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph and has succeeded in making Central Pennsylvania, and at times the whole State, chess conscious.

Gene Collett

Editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, one of the most ambitious and informative of State Chess Bulletins, Gene Collett is one of the best known publicists of chess. His own Bulletin circulates widely outside West Virginia, and Gene is tireless in his search for other chess publications, issuing frequent bibliographic notes in his own publication concerning the issuance of other chess bulletins and papers.



Gene Collett

In the West Virginia Chess Association, even after business requirements forced his residence in Pittsburgh, Penna., Gene has a long record of successful achievement in West Virginia in the organization of clubs, leagues and tournaments under the auspices of the WVCA.

High-light of his achievements on a national scale was the handling of publicity for the U. S. Open Tournament at Pittsburgh in 1946 in which Gene in cooperation with L. A. Scholpp set a standard of publicity and news coverage which will keep all future publicity committees on the run to equal.

Recognizing Gene's experience and gift along the lines of publicity and organization, the USCF selected him to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the USCF Club Manual, now almost completed; and those who have had a preview of the ms. realize that the choice was wise.

When not engaged in chess promotion, Gene is night-editor for the AP office in Pittsburgh.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Remembrance of Things Past

For years, Edward Lasker has been famous as one of our outstanding players and as the author of that incomparable classic, CHESS STRATEGY. Recently I spent a delightful evening with him discussing the manuscript of his forthcoming book, which is modestly subtitled "The Adventures of a Chess Amateur." During the course of our conversation, the following delightful miniature turned up: It was played by Lasker against his brother a good many years ago.

GIUOCO PIANO

Breslau, 1909

White	Black
A. LASKER	E. LASKER
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3. B-B4	Kt-B3
4. P-Q3	B-B4
5. B-KK5	P-Q3
6. P-KR3	B-K3
7. B-K5	P-QR3
8. BxKt ch	PxB

Thus far the course of the game has been quite tranquil; but now it livens up.

9. P-Q4 Pxp

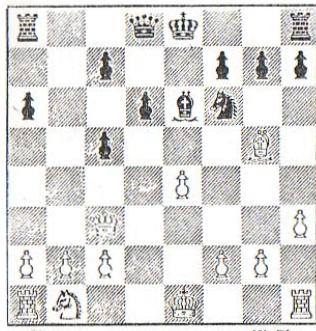
10. KtxP BxKt

10. B-Q2 is the move to preserve the two Bishops, but Black apparently does not want to lose time.

11. Q-Q3?

P-B4

12. Q-K3 was safe and sane. The text is more adventurous, but turns out badly.



KtxP!

Apparently "falling" into White's trap. Actually, we are about to meet our old friend, the double Rook sacrifice.

13. QxKt?

Best was 13. BxQ, KtxQ; 14. BxP, KtxKt; 15. RxKt, K-Q2; 16. B-R5, BxQRP; 17. R-R1, B-Q4 and Black's material advantage may be nullified by the Bishops of opposite color.

13. QxKt? QxB!!

K-Q2

15. QxR Q-B8 ch

Now it's Black's turn!

16. K-K2 QxP ch

17. K-K3 QxP ch!

The pretty point of the combination.

18. K-Q3 P-B5 ch

19. KxKt P-B4 mate.

Had White played 15. QxP, the conclusion at move 19 would be: 19. P-Q4 ch; 20. K-K5, Q-K6 ch; 21. K-B6, Q-B5 ch; 22. K-K7, Q-Kt4 ch and mate next move.

GEO. KOLTANOWSKI TWICE VICTOR AT OMAHA (NEBR.)

Playing at the Omaha Chess Club before a crowd of fifty spectators, undismayed by inclement weather, George Koltanowski gave a brilliant simultaneous exhibition against twenty strong players, losing one game and drawing three. The sole victor was 1944 Nebraska Champion George Halsey, while 1947 Nebraska Champion Al Ludwig and William Carr and Walter Nelson gained the draws. Among the vanquished were Omaha City Champion Delmar Saxton and former Champion Howard Ohman, while none of Omaha's talented juniors, Dave Ackerman, Jerry Belzer, Lee Magee and Gerald Roitstein, could stop the avalanche of wins.

On May 15 at the Jewish Community Center Koltanowski gave an equally brilliant performance in an eight-board blindfold simultaneous against a picked team from the Omaha YMCA Chess Club and the Jewish Chess Club. He conceded draws to Delmar Saxton, Jack Spence and Dave Ackerman while winning from H. F. Underwood, Jacob Feldman, Sam Richman, Jerry Belzer and Harry Feldman.

PAUL POSCHEL AGAIN ILLINOIS JR. CHAMPION

In the Memorial Day weekend Illinois State Junior Tournament, Paul Poschel, (Austin High) defending Jr. Champion as well as State Champion, kept a firm grip on his crown, winning in the Championship Group with a perfect 3-0. Second place went to S. Winikaitis (Schurz High) with a score of 2-1; K. Nedved (Evanston Jr. College) was third with 1-2, and D. Stetzer (Wright Jr. College) was fourth with 0-3. The Masters' Reserve Group ended in a tie for first between R. Lynch (New Trier High) and R. Berg (Univ. of Illinois), while D. Macdonald (New Trier High) and E. Bensley (Hyde Park High) tied for third. In the Consolation Group T. Lewis was first, D. Whitehouse (Evanston High) was second, D. Sweet (Evanston High) was third, and D. Levadi (South Shore High) the fourth.

Of these players Paul Poschel and Ted Lewis (both veterans of the first U. S. Junior Championship) and Donald Stetzer entered in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship at Cleveland.

KANAWHA COUN'Y JR. CHESS MEET A THREE-WAY TIE

In the Kanawha County Junior Championship Tournament held at the Charleston (W. Va.) YMCA on the weekend of May 24-25 three Charleston High School players tied for the title. The tournament was conducted by the Charleston Chess Club in cooperation with the Carbide Chess Club (South Charleston) with the endorsement of the West Virginia State Chess Ass'n. Ted Bingamon, Edward Holt and Larry Kinnaman were the trio of victors with scores of 4-1 each to become co-champions of Jr. Chess. David Marples of South Charleston High School finished fourth with 2-3; and last place went to Benny Argento and Robert Swarbrick (both of South Charleston) with tied scores of 1-2 each.

EN PASSANT (CAN.) WINS AND LOSES IN TWO VISITS

Montreal's En Passant Chess Club ventured into the stronghold of Quebec May 4 with a six-man team and motored home consoling themselves as best they could for a 3½-2½ defeat.

Quebec En Passant
Thérien 5 Davis 5
Rain 0 LeDain 1
Nadeau 1 Gaze 0
Dion 1 Gersho 1
Léclerc 0 Podlone 1
Audet 1 Cohen 0

Quebec 3½ En Passant 2½

Visiting Ottawa next, the En Passant team found better consolation in a 3½-2½ victory, but conceded that the Ottawa team had grown in strength and purpose, for their last match with Ottawa had conceded their hosts only a single point.

En Passant Ottawa
F. DiCamillo 0 S. Kitees 1
P. Brunet 3 G. Poirier 3
M. Guze 1 J. W. Wilson 0
C. Podlone 0 P. Toeves 1
J. Gersho 1 J. Pouliot 0
W. Tannenbaum 1 C. Montgomery 0

En Passant 3½ Ottawa 2½



LIGHTER MOMENTS IN A BUSY CONFERENCE

Left, USCF Director John French suspends a modern sword of Damocles over USCF Vice-President Bill Byland. The miracle of the stationary chessman is accomplished by using a magnetic set and board. Right, the happy warriors engaged in chess while Mrs. Paul G. Giers is the patient spectator.



WEST MEETS EAST AND REVERSES THE PROCEDURE

May 19 saw the traditional match of East vs. West in the city of Toronto (Can.); but West reversed the tradition by trouncing East 26-16 in the forty-two board match. Previously East was victor in sixty-eight board match by 41½-26½.

During the evening George Coyne, president of Toronto Chess League, presented the Freedman cup to F. R. Anderson, winner of the city championship; while the Melliship shield was presented to Hart House as victors in the major section of the Team Matches. The intermediate Victory cup was presented to the Beaches Chess Club, one of the oldest chess groups in the city. It was announced that A. L. Buckley of Oshawa had generously presented the Toronto Chess League with a handsome trophy to be known as the A. B. Orpen trophy to be awarded each season for brilliancy in the city championship games.

AUSTIN (MINN.) HAS CHESS ON CITY PROGRAM

In Austin (Minn.) chess is a part of the municipal recreation program under the direction of Harry Stronge, Superintendent of Recreation at Austin. Mr. Stronge is busy organizing a league of southern Minnesota chess clubs to develop and promote the chess program.

On June 2 the young Austin Chess group found the veteran Mankato Chess Club a little too strong when it paid a neighborly visit to Mankato for a match.

Mankato Chess Austin Chess
Dr. B. C. Broderick 1 R. Strand 0
B. R. Church 1 A. Westergaard 1
A. E. Knab 1 W. K. Evans 0
J. A. Baker 1 O. Herrik 0
Don Alkire 1 A. Christianson 1
Vincent Steele ½ H. Stronge ½

Mankato ½ Austin ½

WINKELMAN-LEVIN TIE IN PHILA. METRO. TOURNEY

Final results in the Metropolitan Philadelphia Tournament displayed a tie between Barnie F. Winkelman and Jacob Levin, with Adolph Regen in third place.

A seven round knockout preceded the final three-man round robin in which the twenty original entrants were reduced to the three finalists. In these preliminaries Levin and Winkelman each conceded only one half-point — Levin drawing with Chrysanthemus, a rising young player, and Winkelman drawing with Regen. At their heels was Regen who drew also with Bolden to concede a full point in the preliminaries, while winning a fine game from A. DiCamillo.

In the finals Winkelman and Levin drew with each other, but both defeated Regen in hard-fought games.

T. ELLISON IS NEW CLEVELAND CITY CHAMPION

By scoring 1½ points in the final two rounds of play, Tommy Ellison of the Post Office chess team became the new Cleveland City Champion with a score of 7-2. Close on his heels was Elliott Stearns with 6½-2½ for second place, while D. Salmon finished third with 6-3.

The new champion earned his victory the hard way in one of the toughest battles Cleveland has seen, for the preliminary sections for qualification in the finals had no soft spots and several of Cleveland's leading players failed to get over that original hurdle and qualify.

OMAHA (NEBR.) WINS INTER-CITY TEAM MATCHES

Sioux City (Iowa) on May 4 was the scene of a successful seven five-man team match with George Koltanowski, the blindfolded wizard, serving as director. Omaha (Nebr.) was the victor with Yankton (So. Dak.) following closely on its heels. Third place was shared by Sheldon (Ia.) with Sioux Falls (So. Dak.). The last three places fell to the host with three teams entered: Sioux City Sues., Sioux City Reds, and Sioux City Blues.

CHADWICK CHESS (POUGHKEEPSIE) BESTS I. B. M.

In a return match on May 10 at Hancock (N. Y.) the Chadwick Chess Club of Poughkeepsie scored a victory over the I. B. M. Chess Club of Endicott with a score of 4½-2½. At this meeting plans were made for a team match to be played early in June at Delhi (N. Y.) between the chess clubs at Syracuse, Albany, Endicott and Poughkeepsie.

Chadwick Chess I. B. M. Chess
E. S. Carter 1 C. Hinaman 0
F. S. Schmitz ½ M. Mitchell 1
G. Thomas 0 R. Allen 1
J. Meyerson 0 C. Common 1
Dan Meyerson 1 J. Brooks 0
H. Gronke 1 H. Thayer 0
Dick Meyerson 1 W. Schweizer 0

Chadwick 4½ I. B. M. Chess 2½

HOT SPRINGS MAKE IT HOT FOR RAPID CITY CLUB

Visiting Hot Springs (So. Dak.) on May 18, the Rapid City Chess Club found the climate too hot for them and retired with the short end of a 7-2 score in a double-round match.

Hot Springs Rapid City
Fred Thomas 0 J. S. Laughlin 1
F. E. Weldon 1 C. Stearns 0
B. Goddard 0 M. F. Anderson 1
W. Eggers 1 F. V. Rehurek 0
D. E. Cone 1 A. Metcalf 0
F. E. Weldon 1 J. S. Laughlin 0
B. Goddard 1 C. Stearns 0
D. E. Cone 1 F. V. Rehurek 0
W. Eggers 1 A. Metcalf 0

Hot Springs 7 Rapid City 2

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For The

Tournament-Minded

June 28-July 5

1947 Open Tournament of the New Jersey State Chess Federation Ventnor City, N. J.

Open to all; entry fee \$5.00; address Richard W. Wayne, 238 No. Dudley Ave., Ventnor City, N. J.

June 30-July 12

2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Cleveland, Ohio

Open to all junior players up to 21 years; entry fee \$5.00; address S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

July 3-7

26th Southern Association Championship St. Petersburg, Fla.

Open to all chess players: Entry fee, Championship, \$4.00; Class A, \$3.00; Class B, \$2.00. Address inquiries to C. E. Taylor, 540 Fourth Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

July 4-6

Louisiana State Chess Tournament Baton Rouge, La.

Open to all Louisiana chess players; no entry fee; to be held at YMCA.

Tournaments in August and September will be listed in later issue.

CITY TOURNAMENT AND PLAY-OFF ALL END IN DRAW

At Syracuse (N. Y.) a hard-fought contest for the City Championship ended in a draw between Arthur F. Woods, winner of three previous tournaments, and Walter Froelich, the 1946 title holder. Play was held at the Chess Club headquarters in the Hotel Syracuse.

As a three-game play-off match between Woods and Froelich resulted in a win, loss and draw for each player, the tournament committee threw up the sponge and declared them co-champions for 1947. However, plans are discussed for a title-deciding match in June.

Other winners in the tournament were: Arthur Damon, third; P. L. Guckemus, fourth; and Mrs. Catherine Nye and Arthur Hurwitz in a tie for fifth.

HAROLD H. JONES USCF DIRECTOR FOR MICHIGAN

USCF President Wagner has announced the appointment of Harold H. Jones (Kalamazoo, Mich.) as additional USCF Director for Michigan to which increased membership entitles the State. Harold Jones is in private life Manager of Sales Promotion for the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company. In chess his untiring work in organizing the successful Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club and his general activity in chess organization assure the Federation that his acceptance of a term as Director is guarantee of even greater chess activity in the Kalamazoo Valley where chess is already recognized as a vital element for recreation and development.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED
1947 Manhattan Chess Club
Championship

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

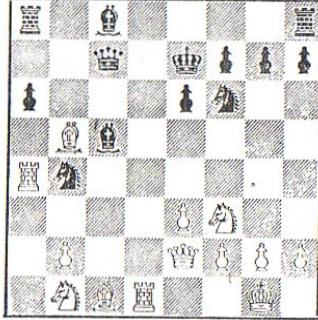
White Black
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-KB3 P-QR3
2. P-QB4 PxP 4. P-K3 P-B2
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 10. B-Q3 BxP
An attempt to hold the extra Pawn would be futile; 4. P-QKt4; 5. P-QR4, P-QB3; 6. PxP, BxP; 7. P-QKt3, PxP; 8. BxP ch, etc.
5. BxP P-K3 8. R-Q1 P-QKt4
6. O-O P-B4 9. PxP Q-B2
7. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 10. B-Q3 BxP
Confusing two variations. Even better was 9. QxKt, P-Kt5, etc.
11. P-QR4 PxP

Even in this line, Black can achieve approximate equality by careful play. If,, P-Kt5 is inferior, as it allows White to establish his Knight strongly at Q4 later on.

12. RxP Kt-QKt5 13. B-Kt5 ch, K-K2?

After 13., K-K2

Bisguier



Pavey

Correct was 18. B-Q2; 14. BxP ch, KtxB; 15. Q-Q2, R-QKt1; 16. Kt-K3, O-O! or 15. B-Q2; 14. B-Kt3, P-QR4 or 14., R-QB1, Kt-Q2, etc.
14. B-Q2 P-QR4
Or 14., Kt-K2?; 15. Kt-KL1, PxP; 16. QxP? But not 15. RxKt, PxP; 16. QxP (or 16. RxP), B-R3!
15. R-QB1! Q-K3
Also hopeless is 15. P-Kt2; 16. RxKt, PxP; 17. RxP, Kt-Q2; 18. Q-Kt2, etc.
16. RxP QxR 18. RxR R-Q1
17. BxP PxP
Black should resign.
18. Kt-Q4 K-B1 21. BxQ P-K4
19. Kt-Q4 QxQ 22. B-R6 Resigns

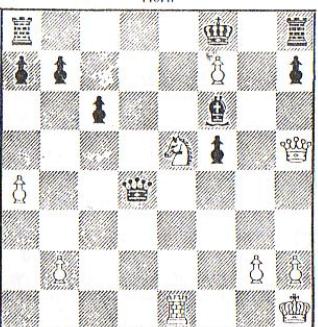
SLAV DEFENSE
1947 St. Louis Open Tournament

Notes by M. L. Horn

White Black
J. CARRON, JR. M. L. HORN
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-QR4 B-B4
2. P-QB6 P-QB3 6. P-K3 P-K3
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 7. BxP QKt-Q2
4. Kt-B3 Pxp 8. O-O Q-B2
I guess I left the "hook" here.
9. O-K2 Kt-KL1 11. Kt-Q2 B-Q4
10. KtxKt BxKt 12. P-K4
Steinmeyer says he should have played 12. B-Q3.
12. B-B6 14. P-B4 B-B3
13. KtxB B-K2
I wanted a mate here. Should have O-O.
15. P-K5 B-K2 20. QR-Q1! Kt-Q4
16. P-B5 PxP 21. Kt-K5 KtxB
17. P-K6 Kt-B3! 22. RxKt P-Kt3
18. Pxp ch, K-B1 23. D-K4
19. B-B4 Q-Q1
Steinmeyer suggests 23. Q-Bt, but this was a tricky move at that.
23. PxR 24. Q-R5
Could be mate in one.
24. QxP ch. 25. K-R1 B-B3

After 25., B-B3

Horn



Caron

26. Kt-K4 I looked a long time before I took the Kt sacrifice.
26. PxKt 27. R-K8 ch. K-K2 If 27. RxR, mate in two. White resigns.

ORANG-UTANG
1947 Dallas City Championship

Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black
J. GILBERT P-Q4 R. POTTER
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-QKt4
Here's that move again.
2. P-KB3
This is best according to Fine. The idea, of course, is to build a strong P-center. Contrary to the usual state of affairs, the weakness created on the K-side is of minor importance.
3. P-Q4 B-B4
This is hardly to the point. The much argued game, Santasiere-Levy, New York, 1942, went 3. P-K4; 4. P-QR3, P-K5; 5. Kt-K2, P-Q3; 6. P-K3, P-KB4 and Black has a highly advantageous variation of the French Defense with colors reversed; naturally 4. Pxp, BxP ch; 5. P-B3, B-QB4 is in Black's favor. As the game proceeds Black does not follow up with P-K4 (which is all that makes 2. P-KB3 logical) until way too late.
4. B-K2 Kt-B3?

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He passes up the last opportunity for P-K4 and automatically condemns himself to a poor game. Note that his Kt1 and KR never get into play. Inconsistency always carries heavy penalties.

5. P-QR3

And,, P-K4 becomes discouragingly impossible.

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To prevent the dislodgement of the Kt by P-K5.

6. QKt2 P-KR3

This weakens Black's Ps still more; 6. P-K3 would seem preferable, but already there is no way of achieving equality.

7. P-B4 B-K2

The White Ps which once offered the potentialities of weakness have become very threatening. 7. PxP is met by 8. P-K4, B-Kt5; 9. BxP with the better of it. (If 9. Kt-P7; 10. RxKt, QxP; 11. KtxQ, BxQ; 12. PxN.)

8. Q-KB3 B-K3

9. P-K3 still looks better.

10. P-K4

11. P-Q4

Even in this line, Black can achieve approximate equality by careful play. If,, P-K5 is inferior, as it allows White to establish his Knight strongly at Q4 later on.

12. RxP Kt-QKt5 13. B-Kt5 ch, K-K2?

After 13., K-K2

Bisguier

With the obvious intent of castling Q-side, but it is the final fatal strategic mistake. It is doubtful, though, if the game could be saved.

12. P-Q5 Kt-R2 14. QR-B1

Subtle as a sledge-hammer, Kt-K6 ch, is threatened.

13. K-K1 15. Kt-Q4

Of sudden, Black's weakness on K3 becomes acute—the square makes a first class springboard for the White Rt.

15. P-KR4 17. R-B2 R-QB1

16. Kt-K6 B-R3 18. Kt-B5 Q-K5

It would probably be better to keep the Q at home. 18. Q-K1 possibly.

19. Kt-R5 P-K3

A sad decision to have to make, but something had to go.

20. KtxP ch, K-R1 21. KtxP ch, K-K1

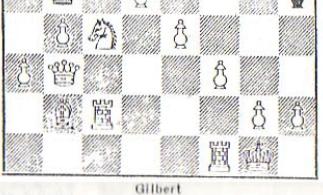
After 21. RxKt; 22. RxR, PxKt; 23. PxN wins.

22. Kt-R6 ch, K-R1 24. Kt-B4 Q-Q2

23. P-KB3

After 24., Q-Kt4

Potter



Gilbert

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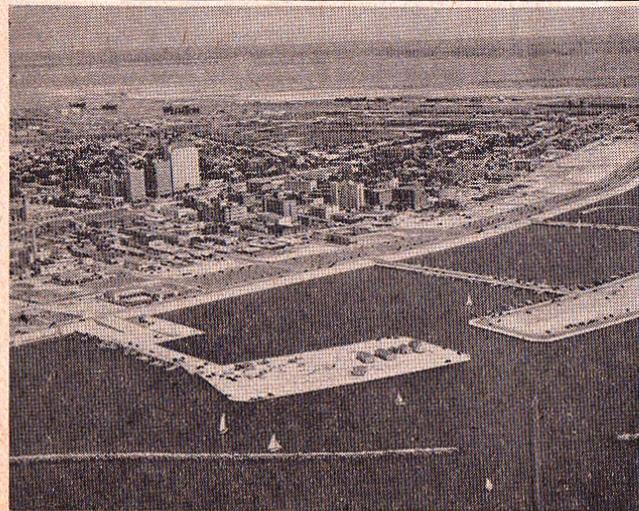


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All Aboard For Corpus Christi!



SCENIC CORPUS CHRISTI

A paradise for vacationers, offering boating, fishing, swimming, golf, tennis, and not the least of all, chess. Site of the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament, August 11-23.

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WINKLEMAN WINS FRANKLIN TITLE SHARPE SECOND

Barnie F. Winkelman gained possession of the George W. Childs cup, emblematic of victory, in the Franklin Chess Club (Philadelphia) Tournament with a score of 12-1, drawing with C. F. Bauder and H. Fleming. Sydney T. Sharpe was a close second with 11½-1½, losing to Winkelman and drawing with Henry H. Chu. Third and fourth were shared by C. F. Bauder and Isaac Ash.

WALKER, JR. WINS PORTLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Completing twelve rounds of play without a loss, Charles B. Walker, Jr. won first prize in the Reginald B. Cooke memorial tournament sponsored by the Portland (Maine) Chess Club. The feature of the tournament was the three-cornered tie for second place between Dwight Parker, Gordon Spofford and E. Wright. In the playoff, Parker, secretary of the Portland club, came out on top.

KEENEY GIVES JUNIOR TOURNEY FINAL REPORT

As CHESS LIFE goes to press, S. S. Keeney sends a final report on advance registrations to the 2nd U. S. National Junior Championship Tournament. Additional entrants include Richard Kujoth (Milwaukee), Wisconsin State Champion; J. Alan Cross, Jr. (Miami); Jackie Mayer (Louisville); James L. Harkins (Cleveland); Donald McElroy (Minneapolis); John F. Hubert (Newton), 1946 Massachusetts Junior Champion; Wilfred K. Hastings (Islington, Ontario); William Oakes (Toronto); George Krauss (Jamaica), tied for Junior Chess Championship of Marshall Chess Club; Harold White (Richmond), 1947 Junior Champion of Richmond, Va.; Robert B. Ilderton (Baltimore), 1947 Maryland Junior Champion; and defending U. S. Junior Champion Larry Friedman.

According to S. S. Keeney, in charge of registration, entries now received represent eighteen States, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Ages of the players vary. Sixteen is the popular age with twelve entries; fifteen and seventeen year olders tie with eight entries each. Two valiant eleven year old boys challenge their seniors.

RUSH WILLARD SPONSORS WEEKLY CHESS LECTURES

The Rush Willard Chess Club of Bay City (Mich.) is sponsoring a series of weekly lectures and demonstrations on chess fundamentals at the YMCA. These are to last through the summer. The club, which is 100% USCF, has a number of strong players, including Arnold Hausmann and Dr. J. Campbell Smith, co-holders of the city championship, who illustrate their talks graphically on a large demonstration board. These meetings have been well attended by beginners and veterans.

CORPUS CHRISTI BECKONS CHESS PLUS VACATION FUN Climate And Scenery Combine To Make Corpus Christi Ideal For Tournament

Seldom does the chess player have the opportunity to combine vacation relaxation with a chess tournament that is offered him at the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi, August 11-23. Historically significant and interesting, scenically beautiful, Corpus Christi is worth a visit for its own sake. And plans for the Open Tournament promise to exceed the fondest expectations of the local committee.

Strongly backed by the **Caller-Times** and the business men of Corpus Christi, the tournament is shaping as an outstanding event which will have place for everyone, from average amateur to master. First prize of \$1,000—the liberal donation of Sam E. Wilson, Jr. of Corpus Christi—sets a new mark in Open Tournaments. But the general prize fund also promises liberal awards to those who have no aspiration for the championship title.

PRESS INCORRECT ON US-USSR TEAM POSTPONEMENT

Wrong impressions have been created by unauthorized statements in the press concerning the postponement of the US-USSR team match.

Mr. Maurice Wertheim, chairman of the U. S. Match Committee, authorizes the statement that the match has been postponed until 1948 due solely to the fact prior engagements of the Russian team prevented arranging a date before May; and it was found impossible by the American Committee to hold open reservations for hotel accommodations and playing space for a later date.

Both Russian and American committees accepted the postponement with regret as inevitable, but all expressed hope that suitable arrangements could be made in 1948 for the return match.

Toronto, Montreal vs Sydney, Melbourne In Canada vs Australia Radio Chess Match

Playing in two sessions, on Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, picked teams from Toronto and Montreal faced ten strong players of Sydney and Melbourne in an ambitious short-wave radio chess match. At adjournment the score stood 3-2 in favor of the Canadian stalwarts with five games subject to adjudication to determine the final score.

finished at time for adjournment and offer many perplexing problems to the adjudicators.

	Montreal	Sydney
D. A. Yonofsky	.....1	G. Kosbnitsky .....0
M. Fox	.....5	C. J. S. Purdy .....3
Dr. J. Rauch	.....adj.	M. Goldstein .....adj.
P. Brunet	.....adj.	B. Y. Mills .....adj.
C. L. Smith	.....adj.	H. Klass .....adj.

	Toronto	Melbourne
F. J. Verhoff	.....adj.	Dr. M. Geilis .....adj.
R. E. Martin	.....1	F. A. Cowell .....5
J. S. Morrison	.....0	M. Green .....1
C. A. Compton	.....1	C. G. Watson .....0
N. Glasberg	.....adj.	L. Oliver .....adj.
Canada	.....	Australia .....2

The match was played under the auspices of the Chess Federation of Canada and transmission was through the courtesy of the Canadian Marconi Co.

Early entries indicate an exceptionally strong group of contestants from Central and South America. The National Association of Chess of Colombia is sending an official three-man delegation: Miguel Cuellar Gacharna, National Champion; Luis Augusto Sanchez; and Luis Salomon. Mexico has entered Major Jose Joaquin Arraiza, General Manuel Soto Larrea, Alfonso Ferriz, and Jesus Mondragon. Miguel Blas Aleman, Champion of Cuba, will represent our Caribbean neighbor.

Among the early birds from the United States are former Open Champion Anthony E. Santasiere; Charles Joachim, Seattle Champion and former Vienna Amateur Champion; Albert Sendrin, former Illinois State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, former Southern Ass'n Champion; Larry Evans, the promising New York Junior; and Mrs. Mary Bain, former U. S. Women's Champion.

The tournament will be held in the luxurious White-Plaza Hotel. Non-playing members of the family will find Corpus Christi rich in facilities for boating, fishing, golf, tennis and bathing to occupy the hours while chess players are engaged.

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GIERS, EUWE MEET KNIT USCF-DUTCH RELATIONSHIP

A closer tie of friendship bound the USCF and the Netherlands Chess Federation in mutual understanding as the result of a luncheon shared by USCF Vice-President Paul G. Giers, former World Champion, Dr. Max Euwe and former U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker upon the occasion of Dr. Euwe's visit to New York. The groundwork for a practical friendly association with the Netherlands was laid, and Dr. Euwe placed the USCF under great obligation by volunteering to meet Paul Giers at the Amsterdam airport and drive him to the FIDE meeting at Hilversum.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

NOTHING is in a name says that sage of Avon who proclaims "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Yet Meredith the poet does protest: "A devil's in it when you must rhyme English names with a French hercine." And lastly Southey testifies that "last of all an Admiral came, a terrible man with a terrible name,—a name which you all know by sight very well, but which no one can speak, and no one can spell."

As the testimony cited gives the edge to the importance, after all, of a name, this writer ponders rather curiously upon the fact that Chess Clubs remain so prosaic in their nomenclature. A prosaic name serves to identify, it is true; but must we merely identify? Can we not soar imaginatively above the dull title of "Podunk Chess Club?"

Happily enough, we can, as many a group of players has given proof in their choice for christening. There is a Red Rose Chess Club in Lancaster (Pa.) to commemorate the days when red roses were the symbol of Lancaster and white roses of York in that fancifully entitled "War of the Roses." Yet York (Pa.) does not as yet accept the challenge with a White Rose Chess Club.

In Cleveland (Ohio) there is the King's Knight Out Chess Club—a name to tickle a punster's soul—and Minneapolis (Minn.) has its Chess-mates. The Orange Knights Chess Club of Orange (N. J.) has a pleasing sound, as does the King's Men Chess Club of Detroit (Mich.). We note with pleasure the Queen's Women Chess Club of Cleveland (Ohio) and the Checkmate Club of the same city. And our approval is registered for the Shah-Mat Club of Peoria (Ill.).

What's in a name? Nothing, perhaps, and yet it is always very pleasant to encounter the unexpected and admire an ingenious flight of whimsy.

Guest Editorial

A VISTA FOR THE FUTURE

By Edward I. Treend

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SOME of us who have been promoting chess have been looking through the wrong end of the telescope and as a result we have obtained a distorted vision of the possibilities of effective chess promotion. It is the firm conviction of this writer that we have been spending too much time and energy rushing about looking for people that already know how to play chess; in trying to organize them into clubs, leagues, state and national associations; and not spending sufficient time in the education of people who do not now know how to play, and in bringing to them the beauties and romance of this oldest of games.

The need for education is not so great in the big cities. Most of them have their chess clubs, but even in these clubs the program of instruction is a minor one. The neophyte often receives a cool reception. If we are to make chess popular with the masses we must convince a skeptical public that chess is a game for the home and for the family. To be sure, Father has his old cronies come in an evening and Junior goes out occasionally to play with some of his friends. But chess is a game that can be enjoyed in the home by all the family. The ideal place to reach the family is in the smaller community where family life is conducted in a more leisurely manner, and families are more closely knit together in their associations.

The logical question that next arises refers to the place where this instruction should be given. Why not the Public Library? The library is the cultural center of the community and the knowledge of chess is certainly a cultural accomplishment. This idea has become a reality in Wayne County, Michigan as you will have observed by the news columns. Included in the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Public Library Commission are several populous communities, all within a short distance of the great city of Detroit. Following is a statement prepared by Mr. Walter H. Kaiser, County Librarian. (Mr. Kaiser is not a chess player).

The Wayne County Library undertook its experiment in providing free chess instruction and equipment for two small communities with the conviction that the game is eminently wholesome, fascinating, and from an educational view, exercises the logical and imaginative powers of the mind. Further, since the game is unknown to many in the smaller towns in the country, it was thought that someone or agency might profitably conduct an experiment to determine just how much enthusiasm there was

for the game. The library decided to undertake the experiment. Results, so far, have been encouraging. Interested local players, at the end of the seven lecture series, must be prepared to take over, if organized chess groups are to come into existence.

This writer has observed this experiment in its early and middle stages and the results are almost impossible of belief. This is a game for the family. Looking down the long tables one sees all ages. While this program is particularly attractive to the youth, both boys and girls, yet the percentage of youth to age was less than half. The young married folks were there as well as the older parents who were trying to capture a common ground of thought with their children.

The enthusiasm thus generated can well be organized along club lines. The library is in an excellent position to command proper publicity, much more so than the embryo chess club could command by itself. This will then attract those who already know the game and who do not need the instruction. In many communities the library already has recreational facilities used by various civic groups. What better atmosphere could there be in which to hold periodic meetings of a chess club? By proper organization the inherent spirit of competition between communities can be used to further develop the clubs and to provide enjoyment for their members. It is at this stage that we organizers step in and assist the clubs in getting started and in securing the maximum benefit from organized chess activity.

The ground has been tilled, the seed has been sown, the harvest is ripe for the reaping. Isn't this something to think about, and doesn't it offer an excellent approach to the promotion of chess?

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CORPUS CHRISTI PREVUE

(Monthly Letter No. 43)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation

ONE of America's oldest cities, yet one of its most enterprising and fastest growing, will make its debut next month in the role of host to a national chess tournament. Corpus Christi was 100 years old in 1940, but just to lend weight to the adage that the first hundred years are the hardest, it more than doubled its population in the first seven years of its second century. A running start on a lusty second childhood. And quite in keeping with the spirit of such a vigorous growth is the manner in which the Tournament Committee has made plans for the Federation's 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament.

In sheer numbers the Corpus Christi tourney promises to be the largest of the Open Tournaments ever held, exceeding even last year's record entry. But the size of the entry list is one of the minor attributes of the 48th Open. The Tournament Committee reports that entries have already been received from the chess champions of five other countries! An international fete to rival any tournament held in this country in recent years.

Herman Steiner, who won the Open Championship ship in '46, will defend his honors against a field comparable to that from which he won them. Abe Yanofsky, Canadian master, with whom Steiner shared the Open title at Dallas in '42, will lead the foreign opposition. Anthony E. (Tony) Santasiere, Open Champion in '45 and winner of third place in the U. S. Championship Tournament last November, has also filed his entry. Any prognosticator who can pick the order of finish among these three players can likewise reap a fortune by turning his crystal ball toward the stock market.

Those astonishing Texans who are promoting the 48th Open already have many accomplishments to their credit. A special gift of \$1,000 has been made for the first prize, a record in Open competition. The remainder of the prize fund also exceeds previous attainments. The Tournament Committee calmly speaks of a total entry "of at least 100," and if they had not already made good on a number of other amazing promises, his one might be salted down. But this tournament is giving further proof that it is never safe to take a Texan at anything less than his entire word.

But although the Tournament Committee have given ample evidence of competent and careful preparation, there is one respect in which their powers are inadequate. They have not found it possible to materialize chess clocks. The Gulf of Mexico has conferred many blessings upon the inhabitants of Corpus Christi to add to their enjoyment of life, but it has not yet cast up a jinni who will produce chess clocks at a magical touch. To remedy this condition, the rest of us must come to the help of our hosts. Every player who is entered in the tournament and who owns a chess clock should bring it with him. By so doing, he will find that virtue is truly and automatically its own reward. For he will not only grant a boon to a harried Tournament Committee; he will also insure himself of having a clock when he sits down to play. And those other players, from whom Providence has uncharitably withheld the opportunity of joining the trek to Corpus Christi, are asked to lend their clocks to the Tournament Committee so that his one remaining void may be filled. If you own a clock and are willing to contribute the use of it, please write to Mr. Harry E. Graham, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, 325 Laurel Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

During the past several years, many chess players in all parts of the country have enjoyed contributing to the tournament fund for the Open. Although the Texans have done very nicely, thank you, on their own, they would be heartened by the swelling of the tournament fund by donors elsewhere so that the national flavor of the Open may be retained. For although the Open is played each year in a different section of the country, it is never a sectional tournament. It is what the name implies, a tournament "Open" to all the players of the United States. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Conway C. Craig, Finance Chairman, in care of the *Caller-Times*, Corpus Christi.

A word should be spoken concerning the Congress of the Federation, less spectacular than the tourney, but of more lasting importance. On Wednesday, August 13, the annual membership meeting of the Federation will be held, at which the individual members will hear the reports of their officers and committees and will elect their directors by states for the coming year. On Thursday and Friday, the annual Directors' meeting will be conducted in two concentrated sessions. The growth of the Federation program makes necessary the increased attention and service of every Director, and the meeting this year will consider problems of greater magnitude than any that have gone before. Every Director who can possibly do so should be present.

Who's Who In American Chess

Edward I. Treend

Punsters say that industry is the "treend" in chess; and certainly Edward Treend represents industry. For many years active in many capacities in the Michigan State Chess Association Ed. resigned from these labors to undertake the more herculean task as Secretary of the USCF. As a mere sideline to this activity he handles the secretaryship of the Detroit Edison Chess Club in leisure moments.

A player of better than average strength, Ed. has willingly sacrificed the playing of the game to organizing that others may play; and the numerous chess organizations in Michigan affiliated with the USCF stand as mute testimony to his gifts as organizer and misioneer.



Edward I. Treend

Modestly taking the background when matters like the "Operation Michigan" are discussed and credit for them bestowed, Ed cannot deny the fact that he is always somewhere in the background when any new chess scheme is undertaken in Michigan.

Aside from his manifold activities in organizing chess, Ed. Treend is one of the real bibliophiles of chess, and his collection of rare chess books and prints is the envy of many a fellow bibliophile. Generous with these as with his own time, choice specimens from his collection see frequent light of day in connection with various chess gatherings and have often proved to be the focal point of interest for chess players.

Marvin Palmer

Born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Marvin Palmer has been a Michigander for more than twenty-five years, and much of that time has been devoted in one way or another to the organizing and developing of chess in Michigan.

As a lad of eleven, Marvin learned the game of his father who was one of the good players of his day. That he learned it well was shown by his capture of the Iowa State Championship at Des Moines in 1917 when not yet twenty.



In 1922 at Sioux City he won the championship of the Missouri Valley Chess Association, to prove that his years of service in World War I had not dimmed his skill.

In 1924 Marvin won the championship of the Philadelphia Chess Club, and served in 1925-26 as secretary of the Western Chess Association (parent of the USCF). It was in this capacity that in 1925 he organized the Western Tournament at Cedar Point, Ohio. Playing in the tournament in addition to organizing it, he finished fourth, behind Kupchik, Factor and Jaffe. In 1933 Marvin organized the Western Association Tournament at Detroit.

Upon five occasions Marvin has won or tied for first in the Michigan State Championship Tournaments: 1934, 1937, 1940, 1942, and 1943.

By profession Marvin is a linotype operator for the *Detroit News*; by avocation he is a collector of chess books and owns one of the largest private collections of tournament books in existence.

Saturday, July 5, 1947

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED
1947 Metropolitan Tournament,
Philadelphia

Notes by Barnie F. Winkelman

White J. LEVIN Black B. F. WINKELMAN
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. QKt-Q5 Kt-KB3
 2. P-QB4 PxP 7. P-KR3 B-R3
 3. Kt-KB3 P-QB3 8. O-O P-B4
 4. P-B4 B-Q5 9. Kt-KB3 Q-KB4
 5. BxP P-K3 10. B-K3 PxP
 To avoid drawing lines like B-K3 or R-B1;
 11. QKtPx R-B1 12. QxP Kt(B4)-K5
 12. Q-R4 B-K2 13. B-K1 R-Q2
 13. B-Q2 O-O 14. Kt-Q3 Kt-K4
 14. KR-B1 Kt-B4 15. Q-B3 Kt-B4
 15. Q-B3 Kt-B4 16. Kt-K3 B-Kt5
 An error; but Black did not relish P-K2;
 23. P-K4 etc. And if 23. BxP, KtxB and Black has numerous threats.
 23. P-K4 ! BxP 27. P-R3 ? B-B1
 24. PxKt B-Kt5 28. R-Q1 P-QK14
 25. RxR RxR 29. Q-K4 Q-KB2
 26. PxP PxP 30. Kt-Q4 R-Q1
 Perhaps not best, but the play is difficult here.
 31. R-K1 B-B4 35. P-QK14 B-B1
 32. Kt-B3 P-R3 36. RxQPx R-Q8-R8
 33. QxP QxQ 37. K-R2 R-QR8
 34. RxQ R-Q6 38. R-R5 ?
 Perhaps not best, but the play is difficult here.
 35. Kt-K3 R-R7 40. K-Kt4 RxBP
 39. Kt-K3 B-Q3 ch. 41. B-B5 !
 If RxP, P-Kt4
 41. P-Kt4 RxFP 46. K-K6 B-R7
 42. Kt-Q4 R-K16 47. P-R2 P-R4
 43. KtPx B-K2 48. P-K16 K-R2
 44. Kt-B7 RxKRP 49. P-K17 R-QK17
 45. Kt-Q5 B-Q3 50. Kt-K4 Kt-K6
 The only hope.

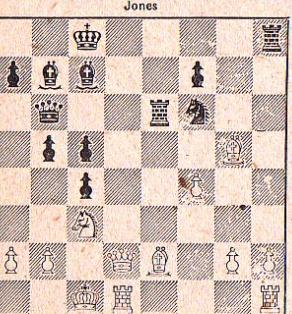
After 50., K-R3
Winkelman

Levin

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
North Jersey Championship, 1947

Notes by H. Jones

White S. H. KOWALSKI Black H. JONES
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 8. B-R4 P-KK14
 2. P-QB4 P-K3 9. KtxKTP PxKt
 3. Kt-QB3 P-QB3 10. BxP QKt-Q2
 4. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 11. Q-B3 B-QK2
 5. B-Kt5 PxP 12. PxKt Q-K13
 6. P-K4 P-QK14 13. O-O-O
 7. P-K5 P-KR3
 Note: CCLA Chess Correspondence W. M. Spackman gives the following line as best for White: 1. P-Q4; 2. O-O-O; 3. P-QR4; 4. P-QB4; 5. P-Kt4 ch.; 6. P-Q5; 7. Kt-B3; 8. Q-Q2; 9. P-Kt5; 10. PxP; 11. BxP; 12. Q-Q3; 13. Q-Q2; 14. BxP; 15. Kt-K4 and Black is unable to play 17. Kt-K4 because of 18. PxP, KtxQ; 19. PxP mate.
 13. O-O-O is an important move in this variation.
 14. O-K3 P-QB4 16. B-K2 B-Q3
 15. P-Q5 R-K1 ! 17. PxKt RxKRP
 Black now has a strong position with strong diagonals for his B's and open files for his R's. White, however, controls the Q-file and is threatening B-KR4 in some cases;
 18. Q-Q2 KtxP 19. P-K4 B-B2

After 19., B-B2
Jones

Kowalski

20. BxKt White has only two minutes to go for his next twenty moves, and he decides to win a costly P.
 20. RxB 23. K-K11 QxQ
 21. Q-Q7 ch. K-K11 24. Kt-Q10 BxKtP
 22. QxKtP BxP ch. 25. K-R11 RxP-R1?
 This gives White a chance by 26. RxP! RxP;
 27. R-Q8 ch. K-K12; 28. B-B3 ch. K-K13; 29. BxR, KxR; 30. R-Q7 with a hard game for Black to win though two P's ahead. Therefore Black should play 25., B-K5 ch., followed by 26., RxR.
 26. BxP ? B-K5 ch. 28. KR-K1 ?
 27. K-R1 B-K4 ! BxP mate

Tournament Life

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RETI OPENING

Preliminaries of Manhattan
Chess Club Championship

Notes by Eric W. Marchand

White J. GONZALES Black M. SALZBERG
 1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 6. B-K2 B-B4
 2. P-KB3 P-KB3 7. O-O P-B4
 3. B-K2 P-KtKt 8. P-Q3 PxP
 4. P-B4 P-B3 9. QxP
 5. P-K3 B-K2
 Complex but playable was 9. KtPnP, Kt-Kt5; 9., Kt-Kt2 also favors White. 10. BxP, QxP; 11. Kt-Q3, Kt-B2; 12. BxP, QxP; 13. R-K1, Q-B7; 14. B-K5, Kt-K6 ch.; 15. K-Q2, Kt-B8 ch; 16. RxKt, QxR; 17. Kt-B3, Q-K7; 18. QxP winning a piece.

9. KtPnP 10. PxP
 Black commands more space and his P's are better means with which to attack.
 11. B-Q2 O-O 14. P-QK13 KtxB
 12. QR-B1 Kt-K4 15. QxKt B-R2
 13. B-K1 Kt-B5 16. KR-K QBxKt ?
 There was absolutely no reason to give up the two B's; indicated was 16. Q-R4,

17. QxP 18. Q-QB2
 After 18. Q-QB2 Roitstein

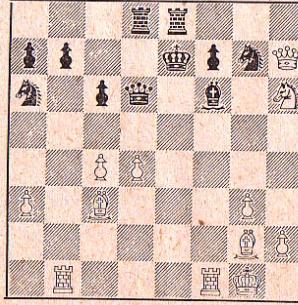
KtxP with an even game.
 7. Kt-K2 Kt-K2 9. B-PxP
 8. O-O P-QB4
 Dissolves the tension in the center too early. Preferable was 9. P-QR3, BxKt; 10. PxB and White will always dissolve his doubled P's.

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 There was absolutely no reason to give up the two B's; indicated was 16. Q-R4,

17. QxP 18. Q-QB2
 After 18. Q-QB2 Roitstein

Better than 17. P-QK4, O-QR1. The text threatens 18. P-Q4, Q-K4; 19. P-QR4, Kt-Kt5; 20. Q-Q2, Q-R3; 21. QxKt
 17. BxKt 21. P-KB4* P-K3
 18. KtPx 21. Kt-K4 B-B1
 19. P-Q4 Q-R4 23. P-K4 Kt-K2
 20. B-B4 P-KtP 24. P-K4
 If 23. BxP, P-B5, P-QK14; 25. PxP e.p., PxP; 26. QxP winning a piece.

24. Kt-K4 B-K2 25. PxP
 25. Kt-R6 ch. K-B1
 There is no adequate defense. Almost any move would be answered by 29. Kt-R6, Q-Q3; 30. QxP K-K2

After 30., K-K2
Saltzberg

Gonzales

31. QxKt ! The neatest and quickest way to win.
 31. BxQ 32. B-R3 mate
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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

1947 Omaha City Championship

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White A. LUDWIG Black G. ROITSTEIN
 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-B3 B-Kt5
 2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-K3
 The Rubinstein variation.
 5. B-Kt5 P-QR3 6. P-KB3 P-Q4
 7. P-Q5 P-QB3 8. B-K2
 A draw between Rubinstein and Kan, Moscow 1926, continued 6. P-B4; 7. Bt-K2, Kt-B3; 8. O-O, PxP; 9. PxP, P-Q4; 10. PxP,

This is the CCLA Chess Correspondence W. M. Spackman gives the following line as best for White: 1. P-Q4; 2. O-O-O; 3. P-QR4; 4. P-QB4; 5. P-Kt4 ch.; 6. P-Q5; 7. Kt-B3; 8. P-Q5 (or K3); 9. Bt-K2 (or B-B4); 10. BxP, KtxKt; 11. P-Q4; 12. QxKt (The Worrall Attack).
 5. B-B4
 MCO (Seventh Edition) praises this move because Alekhine played it successfully against Sir G. A. Thomas, Margate 1937. But it loses a P after 6. BxKt, QxP; 7. KtxP, Q-Q5 (or K3); 8. R-Q3 ! and this is the best line.

6. P-B3 Q-K2 8. B-K3
 7. O-O P-QK4
 8. B-B4 is preferable. White should overprotect the KP in order to play P-Q4 after due preparation.

This proves to be inadequate. If 14. PxP, 15. Kt-K6; but 14., K-R2 offered some chance of a defense.

After 18. Q-QB2 Roitstein

Ludwig

Threatens KtxP.

18. P-Q5 ? 21. Kt-R5 ch. K-R3

19. Kt-Q5 Kt-K2 22. Q-K4 Kt-K3

20. Kt-K4 P-QR3 23. B-Q4 P-Kt4

21. Kt-R6 ch. K-B1
 Threatens mate by P-Kt4 and Q-R6.

22. QxP (B2) R-B1 29. R-K13 ch. R-QxP

23. QR-K1 Kt-R3
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RUY LOPEZ

1947 Kentucky State Championship

Notes by Eric W. Marchand

White J. I. PUENTE Black J. Moyse
 1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-KB3
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 5. Q-K2
 3. B-Kt5 P-QR3
 Move common is 1. O-O, B-K2 (if 5. B-B4; 6. P-KtP, KtxKt; 7. P-Q4); 6. Q-K2 (The Worrall Attack).
 5. B-B4
 MCO (Seventh Edition) praises this move because Alekhine played it successfully against Sir G. A. Thomas, Margate 1937. But it loses a P after 6. BxKt, QxP; 7. KtxP, Q-Q5 (or K3); 8. R-Q3 ! and this is the best line.

6. P-B3 Q-K2 8. B-K3
 7. O-O P-QK4
 8. B-B4 is preferable. White should overprotect the KP in order to play P-Q4 after due preparation.

This innocent-looking move creates a weakness which White very neatly exploits.

10. B-K3 BxP 12. QKt2 P-Q4

11. PxKt Kt-Q1 14. Kt-R4 Kt-K15

12. Q-KB2 O-O
 This proves to be inadequate. If 14. PxP, 15. Kt-K6; but 14., K-R2 offered some chance of a defense.

After 18. Q-QB2 Roitstein

Ludwig

Threatens KtxP.

18. P-Q5 ? 21. Kt-R5 ch. K-R3

19. Kt-Q5 Kt-K2 22. Q-K4 Kt-K3

20. Kt-K4 P-QR3 23. B-Q4 P-Kt4

21. Kt-R6 ch. K-B1
 Threatens mate by P-Kt4 and Q-R6.

22. QxP (B2) R-B1 29. R-K13 ch. R-QxP

23. QR-K1 Kt-R3
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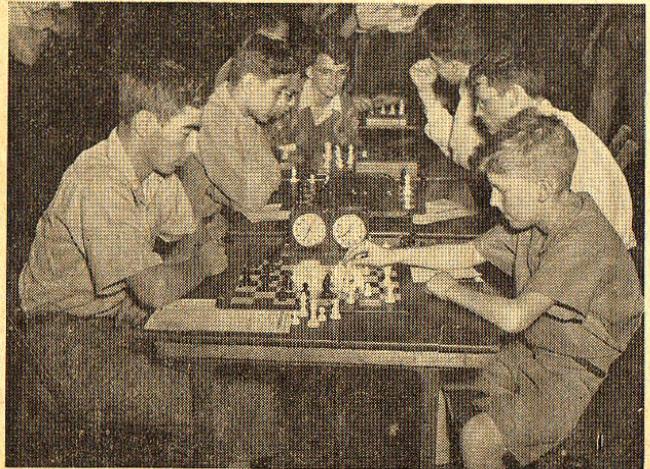


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Larry Friedman Repeats Victory!



EVANS HAS SPEED, WINS LIGHTNING CHESS TOURNEY

Larry Evans of New York City was crowned Junior Lightning Champion in a rapid transit tournament held in Cleveland on Saturday, July 12, when his quickness in decision proved too much for thirty-two other entrants from the U. S. Junior Championship group. Larry lost a game to George Miller and drew one with J. Leavitt; otherwise he was invincible.

Right on his heels was Walter Shipman, also of New York City, who lost games to Jim Cross and Larry Evans and drew with J. H. Hubert. Third place was a tie between Larry Friedman of Cleveland and Saul Wachs of Philadelphia; and Paul Poschel of Chicago was fifth. Leading scores among the thirty-three contestants were:

Junior Lightning Tournament	
Larry Evans	30½ - 1½
Walter Shipman	29½ - 2½
Larry Friedman	25 - 7
Saul Wachs	25 - 7
Paul Poschel	23½ - 8½
Jim Cross	23 - 9
George Miller	22 - 10
Ronald Badertscher	22 - 10

PRIZES AWARDED AT GALA BANQUET

Friday night, July 11, closed the festivities on the U. S. Junior Tournament with a gala banquet at which Louis B. Seltzer of the Cleveland Press acted as witty and entertaining toastmaster.

Prizes were awarded the winners, including several special awards. In addition to his trophy as champion, Larry Friedman was presented with the Freedman Cup, gift of Bernard Freedman of Toronto. Other special awards were due to the generosity of Fred Reinfeld of New York and Ernest S. Somlo of Cleveland.



CHAMPION RETAINS TITLE; CROSS, EVANS TIE FOR 2ND

Performance Of Clevelander Brilliant In Defending Title Won At Chicago

With a final score of 15½-3½ Larry Friedman gained his second U. S. Junior Championship in decisive manner, two full points ahead of his nearest rivals, to prove conclusively that he is Mr. Junior Chess of 1947. Losing in the preliminaries to G. Krauss in the sixth round, and drawing with Larry Evans in the seventh, he finished the qualifying rounds with 6½-1½, tied with Krauss for top score.

In the finals Friedman avenged his only preliminary loss by besting Krauss in round two, thereafter he drew with J. Cross in the eighth and E. Hearst in the tenth rounds and lost to L. Evans in the eleventh for an outstanding performance.

Unable to overtake Friedman's lead but grimly on his heels were Jim Cross of California and Larry Evans of New York City. Both finished with total scores of 13½-5½, and Cross had the satisfaction of holding the Champion to a draw. Paul Poschel of Chicago was fourth with 13-6 and Walter Shipman of New York City fifth with 12½-6½.

Most spectacular in the tournament was the 11-year-old Ross Siemms of Toronto whose final standing as eleventh with a score of 6½-12½ does not tell the true story. Siemms played brilliant chess and only lack of experience and mature judgment barred him from a commanding position in the tournament. He cornered G. Krauss and then lost on a premature combination, gave Friedman a tough battle, and drew with Walter Shipman, Larry Evans and Richard Cantwell. Given another year, if he fulfills his promise, he will be one of the most dangerous junior players in America.

In the Junior Masters Reserve George Miller of Cleveland won with a score of 14-4. Saul Wachs

U. S. JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SCENES

Top—Ross Siemms (right) playing Larry Friedman. At the second board Larry Evans (left) faces Fred Bartell.

Second—Manager Lou Bourdreau of the Cleveland Indians shakes hands with Larry Friedman at the Cleveland Stadium.

Third—Players enjoying a session in the pool of the St. Clair Recreation Center.

Fourth—President Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians welcomes the chess delegation to the game.

Fifth—USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend surveys the scene, accompanied by USCF Vice President William M. Byland, Mr. Ludwin and Mr. Unterberg of Flint, Mich.

Six—William Granger (right) engrossed in his game with Dean Tweeddale.

of Philadelphia was second with 12½-5½, Morton Schaffer of New York City third with 11-7, and Ronald Badertscher fourth with 10-8.

William Granger of Cleveland tied with Robert Warner of Toronto for first place in the Junior Major Division with scores of 11-7 each, and Granger won a playoff game for a clear first place. Marvin Rogan of Rochester (N. Y.) and John Hubert of Newton (Mass.) tied for third with 10½-7½ each.

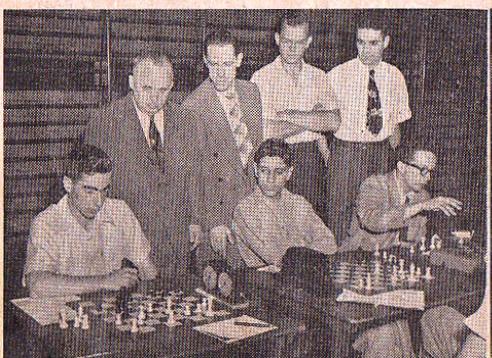
In the Junior Major Reserve Robert Ilderton of Baltimore was first with 11-7. Kimball Nedved of Chicago was second with 10-8, Carl Cohen of Miami third with 9½-8½, and Ernest Shulman of Toronto fourth with 9-9.

The tournament preliminaries were played as an eight round Swiss to divide the entrants into the four final groups, and the points scored in the preliminaries were added to the points scored in the four final round-robin tournaments to give the total scores—a system adopted successfully in the 1946 Open Tournament at Pittsburgh.

Herman Steiner acted as Tournament Director, blending an effective measure of sternness with irrepressible good humor and gentle persuasion in the famous Steiner manner. The Tournament Committee, whose noble efforts cannot be too highly praised, consisted of Mayor Thomas A. Burke, honorary chairman; A. R. Phillips, chairman; S. S. Keeney, registrar; C. A. Berry, secretary; Milan A. Kontosh, treasurer; J. J. Worz, Larry Friedman and Harold Miller, housing; J. Eberle Brown, programs and forms; Stanley Prague and Larry Marsh, recreation; and Luke Lapsley, Edward F. Johnson, Mrs. Mena Schwartz and R. G. Morrisette, publicity.

Full coverage of the event was provided daily by the Cleveland newspapers. Co-sponsors of the Tournament were the Cleveland Chess Association and Ohio Chess Association, under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation.

The tournament was held during the day at the Higbee Auditorium of the Higbee Company with night and Sunday sessions at the St. Clair Recreation Center.



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ACCENT ON YOUTH

While the eyes of American chess players are focused upon our own junior players at Cleveland, it is well for a sense of balance to recognize that the United States has no monopoly of those bright youngsters destined to make the future of chess as exciting and venturesome as its past.

In Spain the youthful Pomar has already gained world-wide recognition, including an invitation to participate in the 1946 London Tournament in which, if he did not astonish the spectators, he at least proved his right to be in such a notable assemblage.

In reporting the Caribbean Team matches CHESS LIFE mentioned the Cuban Havana High School Champion, Angel Alvarez Costales, whose skill placed him on the victorious Cuban team. Puerto Rico with Arturo Colon, the seventeen year old brother of Miguel Colon, who played second board on the Puerto Rican team has another distinguished junior player.

Latest addition to the list is Julito Sumar Coury, the fifteen year old player of Peru, now studying in the National College of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Lima, and making chess interesting and difficult for the members of the Club Ajedrez de Lima between his periods of study.

Together with our own enterprising junior players, these spear-points of future chess in other lands give promise of the great days to come. Chess, the game with a glorious past, can look to an even more glorious future.

Montgomery Major

JAMES E. NARRAWAY

MONG the older players of chess, the name of James E. Narraway will have a most familiar ring. Champion of Canada in 1893, 1897 and 1898, his long contribution to Canadian Chess came to a close on June 16th when at the age of ninety-one, he passed away. Throughout his life James Narraway was always a dangerous opponent across the board, and well known in the field of correspondence chess where he won many prizes in competitive play from 1877 onward almost to the day of his death. Among his achievements via mail was the winning upon one occasion the North American Championship Tournament of the Correspondence Chess League of America.

Born in 1857 at Guysborough, N. B., Narraway moved to Ottawa in 1887 where he became Accountant and Registrar of the Department of Justice until his retirement some years ago, after forty-five years of service. Besides a devotion to chess, Narraway was eminent as a paleontologist, and there are exhibits under his name in the Royal Ontario Museum and the British Museum in London. One of the few remaining veterans of early Canadian Chess, his passing leaves a gap that cannot be filled.

Tournament Notes And Sidelights

Admiring seniors (all of sixteen years old) wistfully watched the eleven-year-old Ross Siemms draw his games with Walter Shipman, and Larry Evans, while wondering if he would teach them how he did it.

Forty-five entrants reported to Tournament Director Herman Steiner on opening day, representing eighteen states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Larry Evans (fifteen-year-old New York chess menace) spent two weeks in Cleveland prior to the tournament, dividing his time between warm-up chess sessions at the Pawn Chess Club and the White Chess Collection at the Cleveland Public Library.

Daily sight was Mr. Al Rubinoff of Toronto (advisor of several chess groups in that city) hustling out to get sandwiches when his check-up revealed that some of the boys had skipped lunch to get to the Higbee Auditorium on time.

Visitors must work was the precept established by Mr. Tweeddale of Everett (Wash.) who divided his time between watching son Dean's accomplishments and ably assisting the Tournament Committee in keeping the game record and checking game sheets.

The thought was shared by Mr. William Trimmer who took orders for the official photographs of the Tournament when not kibitzing nephew Robert.

Seven clocks by air express was the contribution of Mr. Bernard Friedman (Sec'y of Canadian Chess League) on his return to Toronto after a several day visit to relieve the shortage of this valuable item.

Add new wrinkles in water sports—Larry Evans and Larry Friedman playing blindfold chess game while indulging in swimming.

Lest Cleveland grow too proud—Ross Siemms confiding in his mother that he would be glad to get home “to get a good drink of water.”

Among the spectators—Edward I. Treend, USCF Secretary, with a business gleam in his eye counting future USCF members; William Byland, USCF Vice-President; and Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF President.

Fourteen-year-old Harold White of Richmond (Va.) explaining in a soft southern accent to reporters that he has played chess as long as he can remember and likes it better than baseball—that is, when he is not playing baseball.

A Tournament of Champions

Player	Age	Record
Ronald Badetscher	15	Junior Champion of Hudson Co., N. J. Hoboken, N. J.
Fred Bartell	17	Winner of Open Section, 1947 Cleveland City Championship.
Richard S. Cantwell	20	One of the ranking juniors of Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan.
Carl Cohen	16	Co-Holder of Miami Boys' Championship.
J. Alan Cross, Jr.	17	Miami Senior H. S. Champion and Co-Holder, Miami Boys' Championship.
Jim Cross	17	1947 California Junior Champion.
Glendale, Calif.		
Larry Evans	15	1946 Marshall Chess Club Junior Champion.
Larry Friedman	17	1946 U. S. Junior Champion.
William Granger	17	Member of victorious Pawns Club, twice winner of Cleveland Club Championship.
James L. Harkins	17	Another member of the triumphant Pawns Club (a junior group).
Wilfred K. Hastings	16	No record given.
Islington, Ont.		
Eliot Hearst	14	No record given, but recommended by Marshall (N. Y.) Chess Club.
John F. Hubert	16	1946 Massachusetts Junior Champion.
Newton, Mass.		
Jack L. Hursch	16	Second to State Champion in Denver (Colo.) Tournament.
Robert B. Ilerton	16	1947 Maryland Junior Champion.
Baltimore, Md.		
James Kelly	16	Second in 1946 Pennsylvania Junior Championship.
Philadelphia, Pa		
Leslie E. Kilmer	18	No record given.
Elmira, N. Y.		
George Krauss	16	Currently tied for 1st place in Marshall Chess Club Junior Tournament.
Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.		
Julian J. Leavitt	18	Champion of Harvard University.
Brookline, Mass		
Eugene Levin	17	Runner-up in 1947 California Junior Championship.
Los Angeles, Calif.		
Ted Lewis	19	Veteran of 1st U. S. Junior Champion.
Chicago, Ill.		
Lee Magee	19	Champion of University of Nebraska.
Omaha, Nebr.		
Jackie Mayer	14	No Record given.
Louisville, Ky.		
Donald McElroy	17	No record given.
Minneapolis, Minn.		
Dan W. Meyerson	17	Tied for 1st in 1945 Hudson Valley Interscholastic Tournament.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		
Dick R. Meyerson	12	Second in Junior Club Championship in 1943 (at age of 8!).
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		
George Miller	18	1946 Cleveland Champion.
Cleveland, Ohio		
Kimball Nedved	18	No record given.
Chicago, Ill.		
William Oaker	17	No record given.
Toronto, Ont.		
Alfred D. Piper	15	No record given.
Elmira, N. Y.		
Paul Poschel	18	1947 Illinois State Champion.
Chicago, Ill.		
Sheldon Rein	16	Third in Minnesota Junior Championship.
Minneapolis, Minn.		
Alfred Robbey	18	No record given, but sponsored by Cleveland Chess Club.
Cleveland, Ohio		
Marvin Rogan	17	Junior Champion of Rochester (N. Y.) for three successive years.
Rochester, N. Y.		
Morton M. Schaffer	18	CCNY Team Captain; best individual score on board two in Intercollegiate Tournament.
New York City		
Walter Shipman	18	Champion of Columbia University tied for best score on board one in Intercollegiate Tournament.
New York City		
Ernest Shulman	15	1946 Toronto Junior Champion.
Toronto, Ont.		
Ross E. Siemms	11	Youngest entrant, second in 1947 Toronto Junior Championship.
Toronto, Ont.		
Stephen Smale	16	Junior Champion of Grand Blanc and Flint, Mich.
Grand Blanc, Mich.		
Tom Swihart	17	No record given.
Elkhart, Ind.		
Robert W. Trimmer	15	No record given.
Lakewood, Ohio		
Andrew Dean Tweeddale	16	Snohomish County Junior Champion, sponsored by Puget Sound Chess League.
Everett, Wash.		
Saul Wachs	16	1946 Pennsylvania Junior Champion.
Philadelphia, Pa.		
Bob Warner	15	1947 Toronto Junior Champion.
Toronto, Ont.		
Harold A. White, Jr.	14	1947 Junior Champion of Richmond Richmond, Va. (Va.)

Who's Who In American Chess

Larry Friedman

Twice victor in the U. S. National Junior Championship Tournaments, Larry Friedman is a seventeen-year-old junior at Shaw High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Not devoted to Chess alone, Larry is a football player and won his letter in track.

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Resting on his laurels for a breathing space, Larry did not compete in the recently completed Cleveland City Championship, but came back strong in the 2nd U. S. Junior Championship to show that his chess had not rusted in the interim.

ALL IS NOT WORK AT JUNIOR MEET; TIME OUT IS FUN

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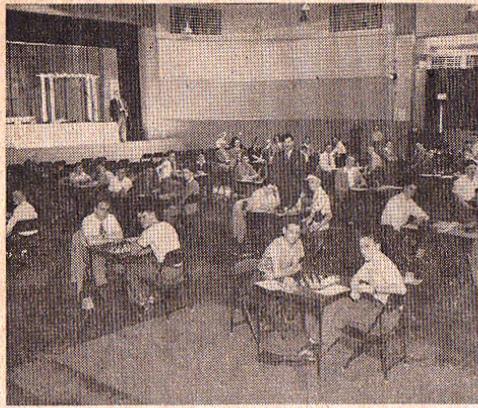
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U. S. JUNIOR TOURNAMENT AT CLEVELAND

Play at St. Clair Recreation Center

SANTASIERE WINS VENTNOR CITY OPEN TOURNEY

Adding to the laurels gained in the New York State Tournament and 1946 U. S. Championship, Anthony E. Santasiere proved almost invincible in gaining the Ventnor City Open Championship with a score of 7-2. In the seventh round he lost a game to Weaver Adams, and drew with N. T. Whitaker in the semi-final. Under rules of the Swiss system he played Whitaker again in the final round, and drew a second time.

Whitaker was second, losing a game to A. Regen in the second round; and Weaver Adams was third (although tied in points for second). Adolph Stern (Asbury Park) and Abe Turner (Mount Vernon) tied for fourth; Carl Pilnick (New York City) was awarded fifth place and Adolph Regen (Philadelphia) sixth.

The Open Tournament, successor to the famous Ventnor City Invitation Tournaments, was conducted by the New Jersey State Chess Federation and Richard W. Wayne served as tournament director.

Ventnor City Tournament

Santasiere	7-2
Whitaker	6½-2½
Adams	6½-2½
Stern	6-3
Turner	6-3
Regen	5½-3½
Pilnick	5½-3½
Durkin	4-4
String	4-4
Shaw	4½-4½
Dreher	4½-4½
Saxor	4½-4½
McCormick	4-5
Eckenrode	3½-5½
Gring	3½-5½
Glover	3½-5½
Maisel	3-6
Siegel	3-6
Hawks	2-7
Sullivan	1-8

ANDERSON TAKES SO. DAKOTA TITLE, DENU IS SECOND

In the second State Tournament held at Rapid City June 17-20, M. F. Anderson (Rapid City), co-champion in 1946, won undisputed first place with a score of 9-1. Anderson lost his only game to O. H. Ellison who led the field after the first seven rounds until finally brought down by Denu and Semrau.

R. B. Denu (Sturgis) finished second with 8-2. His only loss was to Anderson, but draws with Semrau and Rehurek spoiled his chances. Rapid City monopolized the next four places with M. H. Semrau 7½-2½, O. H. Ellison 6½-3½, and John S. Laughlin and C. R. Stearn tied at 6-4.

Sideight of the meeting was a five-man team match with a team from Colorado headed by State Champion Virgil Harris. Final score was Colorado 5½, South Dakota 2½. Semrau won a rapid transit tournament for So. Dakota players, and Pester an open rapid transit tournament.

At the annual meeting of the South Dakota Chess Association Dr. H. L. Saylor (Huron) was elected president; Chambers Kellar (Lead) first vice-president; M. F. Anderson (Rapid City) second vice-president; and M. H. Semrau secretary-treasurer.

GARCIA CAPTURES HAVANA TOURNEY, BYRNE SECOND

Victory went to Gilberto Garcia (Santiago) in the tournament at the Club de Ajedrez Capablanca in Havana, Cuba, by a score of 5½-1½. Second place went to Donald Byrne (Brooklyn), who lost his opening day game to Garcia, but finished with 5-2. Edward Lasker (New York) placed third with 4-3, losing to Byrne and Gonzales in consecutive rounds. Fourth place was shared by Juan Quesada (Santiago) who lost his only game to Byrne but drew too frequently, and Jose Florido (Havana). The surprise of the meeting was the poor showing of Dr. Juan Gonzales, U. S. Lightning Champion and former Havana Champion, who seemed unable to get going in his usual style of play.

Havana Tournament	
Garcia	5½-1½
Byrne	5-2
Lasker	4-3
Florido	3½-5½
Quesada	3½-5½
Romero	3-4
Calero	2-5
Gonzales	1½-5½

TACOMA TOPS PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE

The first season of the Puget Sound League ended with the Tacoma Chess Club in the victory seat and the Seattle Chess Club one-half point behind. Third place went to the Everett Chess Club.

The League was founded in September 1946 due to the activity of John Nourse (Bainbridge Island), its first secretary. Officers for the 1947 season are Edward L. Arnold, president, and Lawrence W. Taro, secretary; and the League issues the Puget Sound Chess News, edited by George Rehberg (Bremerton) with John Nourse as associate editor.

Puget Sound Chess League	
Tacoma Chess Club	6½-1
Seattle Chess Club	6-1
Everett Chess Club	5-2
U. of Washington	4-3
Queen Anne Chess Club	2-5
Bremerton Chess Club	1-6
Bainbridge Chess Club	1-6

HUNTINGTON BOWS IN MATCH WITH CHARLESTON

By a tight score of 6½-5½ Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Club was the victor over its rival Huntington Chess Club in a twelve-board match. Headed by State Champion Werthammer, the Huntington team was victorious on the top boards but lost the match by scoring only one point on the last six boards.

Charleston Chess	Huntington Chess
Hurt	0
Holt	0
Foy	0
DuVall	1
Hartling	0
Hecht	2
Lippert	0
Wiles	1
Gilliland	0
Martin	1
Brammer	1
Andrews	1
Charleston	6½
Huntington	5½

WEINSTEIN WINS SO. ASS'N TITLE; DREXEL SECOND

Stanley Weinstein of Miami, former captain of the New York University Chess Team, won the 26th Southern Association Chess Championship at St. Petersburg, Fla., with a score of 6-1. Close on his heels was Gustave Drexel, also of Miami, with a score of 5½-1½. Third was Nestor Hernandez with 5-2, and fourth by reason of Sonneborn-Berger weighing was J. B. Holt of Long Beach, Fla., with 5-2.

The Major Reserves was won by E. J. Dowling of St. Petersburg with 4½-2½ and the Minor Reserves by J. Szold of St. Petersburg with 3-4. Sixteen-year-old Jerry Sullivan of Knoxville, Tenn., won the Junior Championship with 4½-2½.

The tournament was conducted as a seven round Swiss with twenty-nine entrants, and John Hay of Knoxville, Tenn., served as Tournament Director. The meet was held at the Chess Divan of the St. Petersburg Chess Club.

Complete details in next issue.

REDWOOD AREA (CALIF.) FORMS CHESS LEAGUE

Chess in the area north of San Francisco has recently been given a stimulating shot with the organization of the Redwood Empire Chess League. This League has been formed to promote inter-city competition between chess clubs of that section which now includes San Rafael, Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Ukiah. Other towns have clubs in formation, and it is expected before the year is out that a dozen or more clubs will be represented in the League and strong competition developed.

STEINER SHOWS HOW IT IS DONE

Playing twenty-four boards simultaneously against the juniors plus several Cleveland experts, Herman Steiner lost one game to Lee Magee and drew two games with Kimball Nedved and Tommy Ellison, City Champion of Cleveland.

AUSTRALIA WINS IN RADIO CHESS

Adjudication of the five unfinished match games of the recent radio chess match between Canada and Australia by B. H. Wood of Chess gave Australia the victory by a score of 5½-4½ in what was a very close and exciting match.

Australia	Canada
G. Kosmitsky	0
C. J. S. Slobodsky	2
M. E. Goldstein	1
P. Miller	1
H. Klaus	3
D. M. Collis	1
F. A. Cowell	3
J. Allison, H.	0
Hayward	1
Allison, J. R.	0
Shinkle	0
Watson	0
Charles	1
Charleston	6½
Huntington	5½
Australia	5½
Canada	4½

YANOFSKY WINS DOMINION TITLE; RAUCH SECOND

As a fitting climax to his recent international tour, the twenty-two year old Dan Abe Yanofsky won the Canadian Chess Championship in the tournament held June 22-29 at Laval University (Quebec) without loss of a game. His final score of 12-1 represented a first round draw with Frank Yerhoff and a ninth round draw with Dr. J. Rauch.

Dr. J. Rauch who held second place with 11-2 was in the lead for six rounds when his draw with R. G. Wade of New Zealand permitted Yanofsky to draw even. In the eleventh round Rauch's draw with Yerhoff allowed Yanofsky to gain the lead. R. B. Hayes, who placed third split the point with Rauch to give Yanofsky his clear victory.

Of the Ontario players Rea B. Hayes in third place with 10½-2½ distinguished himself, losing to Yanofsky and Jules Therien and drawing with Rausch. Fourth place went to Frank Yerhoff with 10-3, losing to Yanofsky, Hayes and Wreschner.

The victory was the fourth title for Yanofsky who held the championship in 1941 at Winnipeg, in 1943 at Dalhousie, and shared it with Frank Yerhoff in 1945 at Saskatoon. Among other entries the eighteen year old Quebec player Osias Bain distinguished himself by tying for fifth place with P. Brunet of Montreal. The performance of the New Zealander, R. G. Wade, was disappointing, but he was indisposed during most of the tournament.

Canadian Championship	
D. A. Yanofsky	12-1
Dr. J. Rauch	11-2
R. B. Hayes	10½-2½
F. Yerhoff	10-3
P. Brunet	7½-5½
O. Bain	7½-5½
J. Therien	7-6
R. G. Wade	7-6
R. Drummond	4½-3½
R. Lebel	4-9
G. Nadeau	3½-9½
S. O. Wreschner	3-10
C. Webber	2½-10½
G. F. Doyle	1-12

The tournament was conducted by the Quebec Chess League under the auspices of the Canadian Chess Federation.

Running concurrently was the Quebec Junior Tournament with seven entries. The result was a tie for first place between Raymond Trudel and Andre Garon with 5-1 each.

TWEEDDALE WINS SNOHOMISH CO. CHESS TOURNEY

For the first time in seven years the Snohomish County Tournament was won by an undefeated and untied score, with Dean Tweeddale (Everett, Wash.) the victor with 10-0. Neil Power, the Everett Chess Club Champion, finished second with 8½-1½, and J. A. Nass third with 7½-2½.

Victory in the tournament entitled to Tweeddale to meet the titleholder, Lawrence Taro, in a match for the championship; and this match will be played upon Tweeddale's return from the U. S. Junior Championship at Cleveland.

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

Please accept my entry to the Tournament for the U. S. Open Championship of the United States, to be played at Corpus Christi, August 11-23, 1947.

NAME: _____ (Please Print)

ADDRESS: _____ (Street Number) (City) (State)

TOURNAMENTS WON OR TITLES HELD: _____

I agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

(Please sign full name)

All entries should be sent to HARRY E. GRAHAM, 325 Laurel Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, together with entrance fee in the amount of \$10.00. Checks or money orders should be payable to HARRY E. GRAHAM. Please do not send currency.

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Sunday, July 20, 1947

For The Tournament-Minded

August 11-23

48th U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Corpus Christi, Texas

Open to all chess players; Entry fee \$10.00; address Harry E. Graham, 325 Laurel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

August 30-September 1

2nd Ohio Chess Congress Of Ohio Chess Ass'n Columbus, Ohio

Players must register before noon Saturday at Columbus Central YMCA, as play begins 12:00 noon sharp. Further details later.

August 30-September 1

Southwestern Open Tournament Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all chess players; entry fee to be announced later; address Frank R. Graves, 960 E. Mulkey, Fort Worth, Tex. Tournament held in Longhorn Room of Texas Hotel.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship Allentown, Penna.

Open to Pennsylvania players; will be held at Americus Hotel in Allentown with Lehigh Valley Chess Club as host. Entry fee not announced.

August 30-September 7

New York State Tournament Endicott, N. Y.

Open to all players. Write to Harold Thayer of Vestal, N. Y. for details. To be held at the I. B. M. Country Club.

ALTSHILLER TOPS COMMERCIAL (N. Y.) INDIVIDUAL MEET

In the individual tournament conducted by the Commercial Chess League (New York City) S. M. Altshiller placed first with a score of 9½-1½, losing to Melick and drawing with Cleveland. Second place went to N. J. Hogendover with 9-2, third to M. Peckar with 7½-3½. Others in order were: T. Melick, 7-4; F. Philipp, 6½-4½; A. C. Onderdonk, 6-5; P. Allen, 6-5; J. Fowler, 4-7; T. Marche, 4-7; S. King, 3-8; Miss A. Raettig, 2-9; and C. Cleveland, 1½-9½.

GLENVILLE BESTS WEST TECHNICAL FOR 2nd TITLE

In Cleveland (Ohio) Glenville High School, winners of the East Side division of the Scholastic Chess League, met West Tech, West Side victors, in the Treasure Room of the Cleveland Main Library. By the score of 3½-½ Glenville gained its second successive title as Cleveland Scholastic Champions. Faculty sponsor for Glenville is Favius David and Miss Prendergast sponsors West Technical.

Sunday, July 20, 1947

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Junior Championship

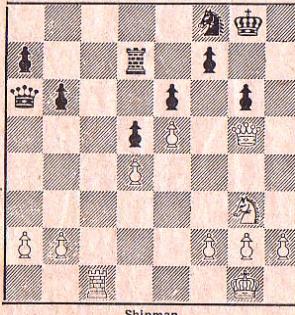
Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
W. SHIPMAN	F. BARTELL
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-K3	P-QK3
4. B-Q2	B-K2
5. Q-K2	P-Q3
6. O-O	Kt-K13
7. P-QB3	B-K2
8. P-K4	P-QB3
9. P-K1	P-K1
10. P-P	P-KR3
11. Kt-B1	Kt-R2
12. Kt-K3	Kt-K4
13. Q-K2	B-K4
14. KtxKt	PxKt
15. P-KK3	17. O-R4
16. R-K1	R-K2
17. P-QB3	P-QB3 was much better here.
White's play on the white squares as well as on the open QB file becomes almost overwhelming.	White's game is strategically lost because of White's grip on the open file.
18. B-R6	BxR
19. QxB	Kt-B1
20. R-R6	Q-Q2
21. B-K3	P-KB3
22. B-Q2	P-Q4
23. P-K3	P-K3
24. B-K4	O-K2
25. Q-R3	B-K2
26. R-B7	BxR
27. QxR	Q-R3

After 32. QxP(Kt4)

Bartell



Shipman

The P weakened at move 18 now falls. If now 32. ..., QxP; 33. Kt-B3; R-K12 (everything else fails too); 34. Kt-B6 ch, K-K12; 35. Kt-K8 ch, K-R2; 36. Q-R4 ch, K-R1; 37. Q-B6; 38. Kt-R2; 37. Kt-B1; Q-K2; 39. R-Q1; 38. Kt-K3; Kt-Q2; 40. Q-Q2; 40. R-Q7; Q-K1; 41. P-Q3; Q-R8 might offer some counter-chances.

41. R-B7 Kt-B1 42. Kt-K4 Kt-K2

If 42. ..., Kt-R2; 43. RxP!

43. Kt-B6 Q-R5 45. P-KR4 P-KK14

44. RxP ch. K-R3 46. R-R7 ch, resigns

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

U. S. Junior Championship Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
P. POSCHEL	L. EVANS
1. P-Q4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	11. O-O
3. Kt-B3	12. QR-K1
4. PxP	13. P-QK4
5. Kt-B3	KPxP
6. B-B4	14. P-QR4
7. BxP	Kt-K5
8. P-K3	Kt-B3
9. B-B2	Kt-B1
10. QxP	11. Kt-K5
11. R-Q2	Kt-B3
12. R-Q2	12. Kt-B1
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16. R-Q2	16. Kt-B1
17. R-Q2	17. Kt-B1
18. R-Q2	18. Kt-B1
19. R-Q2	19. Kt-B1
20. R-Q2	20. Kt-B1

The glaring weak P created at K3 is not as weak as it looks, for the White Kt will go to K5.

19.	R-K1	30. KxR	Q-K3
20. Kt-B3	R-R3	31. P-B5	Q-K1
21. Kt-K5	Kt-B3	32. R-R3	Kt-Q2
22. R-B3	Kt-K5	33. Q-R3	Q-K4
23. Q-K1	Q-K2	34. Q-B4	R-R3
24. R-B2	Q-K2	35. K-B3	Q-K1
25. R-QB2	R(1)-Q3	36. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
26. P-K4	P-Q3	37. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
27. KtxP(4) R(1)-K3	38. P-R3	39. Q-K5	Q-K1
28. R-KK12	Kt-B3	40. Kt-K4	Q-KB1
29. Kt-K5	RxR ch.	41. P-K6!	

Black begins to get some play. The KtP cannot be defended.

40. Q-K6 ch. K-R2 43. K-K12 Q-K7 ch.

41. Kt-K5 QxP. 44. K-K11 P-KR4

42. Kt-K6 Q-K8 ch.

Playing for a win H 44. Kt-K5, White would have drawn by perpetual check.

45. Kt-B5 ch. K-R3 50. PxQ Kt-K5

46. O-K5 ch. Kt-K5 51. Kt-K6 P-R5

47. K-K2 Q-B7 ch. 52. Kt-Q8 P-K4

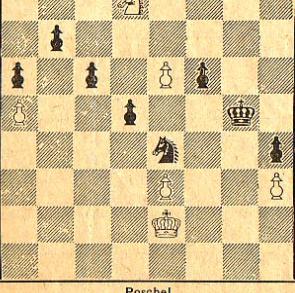
48. K-B3 Q-K5 ch. 53. P-B9 PxP

49. K-K2 QxQ 54. P-K6!

White is not dead yet. This passed P is very strong.

After 54. P-K6!

Evans



Poschel

P-KB4

Kt-K3 was essential here. If then

54. P-K7, Kt-Q3;

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Conducted by
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FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Junior Championship Preliminaries

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

W. SHIPMAN J. CROSS

1. P-K4 P-K3

2. P-Q4 P-K4

3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5

4. P-K5 P-Q4

5. P-QR3 BxKt

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Last Call For Corpus Christi!



STAGE SET FOR ACTION

In the background, the White-Plaza Hotel at Corpus Christi, scene of the 48th Annual U. S. Open Championship Tournament.



I.B.M. COUNTRY CLUB

Inviting site of the 1947 New York State Championship Tournament, the Genesee Cup Match and the Susquehanna Valley Cup Match.



DR. MAX EUWE IN CUBA

Jose Victor Regueiro, delegate of FIDE for Central America, offers the hommage of all Cuban chess players to Dr. Euwe in the Chess Club of Havana.

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Exclusively for CHESS LIFE

Special Cablegram From Paul Giers

Hilversum, Holland
August 3, 1947

FIDE General Assembly concluded in harmonious agreement on principle matters. Russians arrived last day. Their entry makes World Chess body complete. Unanimously voted World Title Tournament—four games each, six masters: Euwe, Reshevsky, Fine, Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov, March 1948. First half in Holland; second half at Moscow. No substitutions and no deferments if player absent.

New Constitution adopted, including American and Russian proposals. United States established as Separate FIDE zone. Maurice Kuhns, Chicago, named Honorary President; Dr. Rueb reelected President. Spain not barred from membership. Place reserved for American on qualifications commission. 1948 Assembly at Stockholm.

NEW YORK PLANS UNUSUAL TOURNEY AT I.B.M. CLUB

Many unusual features will mark the holding of the 1947 New York State Chess Association Congress August 30 to September 7 at the I.B.M. Country Club in Endicott N. Y.

Chess players attending will be housed in Tent City, a development of tents located in the hills overlooking the I.B.M. Homestead and I.B.M. Country Club. No charge will be made for housing, and meals will be served at the I.B.M. Country Club at a small standard charge. Because of the enormous summer program of the I.B.M. Country Club, it will be impossible to include children.

The Tournament will be held at the I.B.M. Country Club, maintained for the employees of the Endicott plant of International Business Machines Corporation, which maintains facilities for over thirty different forms of indoor and outdoor recreation. The contestants are invited to use these facilities as I.B.M. guests. Swimming, golfing, hiking, and horse-shoe pitching are only a few of the numerous diversions at the Club. Playing time for games will be arranged so that there will be plenty of time for enjoying these activities. Contestants may use the facilities of the Country Club at minimum membership charges.

In addition to the State Championship Tournament and the Genesee Cup Championship, held since 1910 to select the Up-State Team Champion, there will be a new team championship inaugurated called the Susquehanna Valley Cup, denoting the team championship of the State. The trophy for this new event is the joint donation of the I.B.M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club. The Susquehanna Cup event is open to five men teams from any section of New York and details may be obtained by writing Harold Evans, 260 Robinson St., Binghamton, N. Y. For general information on the Congress write Harold Thayer, Vestal, N. Y.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Chess Federation will hold its 48th Annual Congress and Open Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas, from August 11 to August 23, 1947; and,

WHEREAS, the congress and the championship tournament will bring to this city the top ranking chess players from all parts of the world, and the progress of the tournament will be of interest to chess enthusiasts everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that our honored guests be welcomed to our city and that the sponsors of the tournament, the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, and the hosts to the visiting chess players, the *Corpus Christi Chess Club*, be accorded recognition in bringing to Corpus Christi such a worth-while and entertaining event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wesley E. Searle, Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, do hereby commend those responsible for bringing the chess congress and the *WEEK* in the City of Corpus Christi.

Done this the 24th day of July, A. D. 1947.

WESLEY E. SEARLE
Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

VACATION LURE PLUS CHESS FUN AT OPEN TOURNEY

Lured by the many attractions of this Texan vacation-land and the added bait of what promises to become one of the outstanding U. S. Open Tournaments, chess players from everywhere are flying to Corpus Christi, Texas, the vacation days of August 11 to share their time between play at the White-Plaza in the tournament and fishing, swimming, golf and tennis in hours off among the many vacation spots that abound in Corpus Christi.

Since open tournaments require no advance registration the list of competitors cannot even be guessed until the first round opens, but among those whose intentions to play have already been registered

is an exciting and international group. Our Latin neighbors present a strong delegation of champions including Miguel Cuellar Gacharna (Colombia), Miguel Blas Aleman (Cuba), Major Jose Joaquin Arriaga (Mexico), Luis Augusto Sanchez (Colombia), General Manuel Soto Larrea (Mexico), Luis Salomon (Colombia), Alfonzo Feriz (Mexico), and Jesus Mondragon (Mexico). Canada will be represented by its champion, Dan Abe Yanofsky, who shared the Open Title with Herman Steiner at Dallas in 1942. Former Champion R. G. Wade of Australia and former Vienna Amateur Champion Charles Joachim are among the entries.

From the United States comes former Open Champion Anthony Santasiere, fresh from his victory at Ventnor City; former New England Champion Weaver W. Adams; and that veteran of many tournaments, Dr. Edward Lasker. The list swells with Albert Sandrin, former Illinois Champion; Mrs. Mary Bain, Southern Ass'n Woman

Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, Florida State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis Champion; George Kramer, former New York State Champion; and Olaf Ulvestad of the American Team in the U.S.-USSR team match.

Names of expected entrants, not yet definitely registered, include former open champions, Herman Steiner and A. C. Margolis; and the list of players not quite as well known is growing every day with names like Ambroise Gring (New England problemist) and Angelo Sandrin (brother to Albert), Gladney of Louisiana, Coles of New Mexico, Gray of Colorado, Gilbert of Missouri, and a host of ambitious Texans whose names are too numerous to mention; while the latest news suggests the entry of two of Puerto Rico's strongest players.

Thus all signs point to a most spectacular event, and not the least surprising of the achievements of the local *Corpus Christi Chess Club*, business men, and *Caller-Times* is the size of the prize fund with its special first prize of \$1,000 donated by Sam E. Wilson, oil man of Corpus Christi, and its general fund of over \$1,000 for other prize wards.

These and other special features of the 48th Annual Open Tournament may be attributed to the team-work of a small group of chess enthusiasts led by Harry E. Graham, president of the *Corpus Christi Chess Club*. Others in the group responsible for the tournament's successful planning are James A. Creighton, Conrad Hoover, Henry Youngman Hank Scibenski, Arthur Roach, Amadee Gerard, Dr. C. A. Duran and Pablo Cortez, Sr. Obregon, Mexican Consul, has been most helpful as well, and Conway Craig, publisher of the *Caller-Times*, together with reporters Tom Mulvany and Kay Bynum have rendered invaluable assistance.

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THE MEANING OF THE OPEN TOURNAMENT

WHILE the U. S. Open Tournament to be held at Corpus Christi, Texas, this August 11-23 is listed as the 48th Annual Open Tournament, it is in the strictest sense the 14th of these events. For while the tournaments of the Western Chess Association (beginning at Excelsior, Minnesota in 1900) were semi-open and semi-invitational, it was not until the epic meeting in 1934 at the Lawson YMCA in Chicago that the true status of "open" tournament was gained.

The innovation was eyed dubiously at the time by many of the players, although those who were assured of a seat under the old invitation method expressed full willingness to try it out and risk the chance of not qualifying. Time, measured by fourteen years, has justified the concept of the Open Tournament; and while the details of procedure have undergone some modification during the course of these years, the basic structure of the tournament has remained unchanged.

But what is the underlying motive of an "open" tournament? First, it provides a democratic mode of procedure in keeping with the basic economic and political structure of the United States—a tournament in which talent and ability (rather than past performance or reputation) determine the champion. It is theoretically possible for an amateur to enter the tournament without previous tournament experience and win the title; it may not be a practical possibility, but it always remains a potential one.

Second, it provides the aspiring player the opportunity to improve his own game in contest with recognized masters of the game. And not only does the aspiring amateur occasionally upset the record book by defeating a recognized master, but even in losing he often gains a knowledge of technique and finesse that he would never learn from his victories over players approximating his own standing.

Third, it brings tournament chess to the individual player. It makes him a part of national chess in the very fact that his participation is invited and even urged. The "open" is his tournament; and he need not view it with wistful eyes from afar.

The more democratic procedure recently adopted for the U. S. Championship Tournament in no way lessens the value of the Open Tournament as the meeting ground for players of all ranks and classes. For, of necessity, the U. S. Championship will always be hedged with certain requirements—one must qualify for its finals in preliminary tournaments. And these consume time—more time than many players can spare. It is fitting that the U. S. Championship Finals be a concourse in which the entry is not too easy.

But the Open! Just pack up your bag, hop on a train or gas up the old jalopy, and you're on your way. No red tape, no preliminary requirements, no bother. You may not win a prize or startle the world, but you'll play a lot of chess and have a lot of fun. And that is the basic reason for an "Open" Tournament.

Montgomery Major

Guest Editorial

AN INVITATION TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS OF AMERICA

By Harry E. Graham

President, Corpus Christi Chess Club

YOU, as an American chess player, regardless of your playing strength, are cordially invited to come to Corpus Christi, August 11 to 23, to spend an enjoyable vacation and to compete in the United States Open Chess Championship. Despite a common impression, if you enjoy chess and are interested in improving your game, you are not too weak to compete in the Open. The Masters are wanted in the Open and, incidentally, will probably win most of the cash prizes. However, the Tournament is not intended to be for them alone. The major purpose of the United States Open is to give the average player a chance to compete against better players from other portions of the country and to give him an incentive to learn more about chess and to improve his game.

The average American chess player gets very few opportunities to play against first class opposition. It is difficult and extremely rare for a player to become much stronger or to go into the fine points of the game much deeper, than his opponents. Unfortunately the usual result is that the quality of his game stagnates and his interest lags.

The State and Regional Tournaments help to counteract this. Some are quite successful. Unfortunately most of them, of necessity, are run off over a holiday or over a weekend. They tend to become almost endurance contests with no time for rest, research, and "Why did I lose that game?"

The best answer yet found is the United States Open Chess Championship. It is the one annual Tournament in which National Champions, State Champions, City Champions and Country Crossroad Champions, Grand Masters, Masters, Experts, Average Players, Dubs and even Beginners, all compete in one grand tournament on an even footing. Past records count for nothing. Each contestant must fight his own way to

the top or to the bottom on his own merits. It is not always the favorites who come out on top.

The prizes should be, and this time are, large enough to make competing attractive to the experts but they are far from the whole tournament. The heart of the tournament is the great number of ordinary players who are competing out of a love for chess and the desire to improve their game. It is almost certain that we will have a record turn-out. There is no limit on the number of entrants. We would like to see a couple of hundred.

Play will be on a leisurely basis. It is hoped to confine the play as far as possible to one game a day. This should give everyone time to analyse his lost games and to come back to win the next day. It should also give plenty of time to enjoy a nice vacation, preferably with his family, in a resort town.

I repeat our invitation. Spend your vacation in Corpus Christi, Texas, August 11 to 23 inclusive. Have a fine time while competing in the 48th U. S. Open Chess Championship. We can promise almost everyone that he will compete against several players that are stronger than he is and also several that he can defeat. A grand time will be had by all and it will be an experience that no one will ever forget.

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A BOND OF FELLOWSHIP REMAINS

(Monthly Letter No. 44)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

ONE of the incidentals of the recently finished Junior Chess Championship Tournament of which little mention has been made, but which is nevertheless one of the real and lasting values of the event, is the bond of fellowship among the boys who competed for one of the nation's most highly prized honors in chess.

It is but natural that the first reports of the Cleveland tournament should concern the splendid repeat victory of Larry Friedman; that the magnificent preparations which were made by the generous Cleveland hosts; the thrill the youngsters had at the ball park when they met President William Veeck and Manager Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians as well as Manager O'Neil of the Detroit Tigers and a number of major league baseball players; the spirited water polo game at the St. Clair Recreation Center. But after all of these enjoyable experiences have fitted into their rightful places in the recollection of a truly fine outing, there will emerge the recollection of the friendships made with other boys who live 1,000 and 2,000 miles away.

When a boy who lives in California finds out that one who comes from Florida is a fun loving youngster like himself; when a boy who has learned his chess in Cleveland and one who has played at the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs in New York arise from the chess table with a healthy respect for each other's prowess; when a young chap from the State of Washington discovers that a lad from Virginia is schooled in the same gentlemanly manner as himself. When these experiences are found in a meeting such as the Junior Chess Championship, provincialism has been rolled back to the vanishing point.

And that is a value in human relationships to be treasured and preserved.



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Men Who Work For Chess

Sam E. Wilson, Jr.

Texans have, through the years, reduced their population into two general classes. In typical blunt Southwestern language, one either falls into the "he'll go" class or automatically is relegated into the "won't go" group.

Probably the growth of Corpus Christi can be more directly traced to its having more than a fair share of men "who'll go" than most communities, than any other factor. In 1936 the population was 27,740. Oil had recently been discovered in small quantities around the city, and the deep water port had just opened. That was the year that Sam E. Wilson, Jr. came to Corpus Christi.

One of the pioneer independent oilmen, Mr. Wilson was impressed with what he saw. Immediately he ordered all his equipment and personnel to Corpus Christi, and started into work.

From the very beginning he took an active leadership in public affairs. Today, Corpus Christi, with a population of 125,000, boasts of its bright future because of men like Sam Wilson, men "who'll go."

Donor of the first prize for the U. S. Open Championship Tournament, Mr. Wilson's check for \$1,000 set a new high award in the 48-year history of the event. Although not a chess player, when approached by a committee from the sponsoring club, Mr. Wilson immediately suggested \$1,000 with the remark: "Let's give them something to shoot at . . . show them that we mean business in Corpus Christi."

Probably no other man in South Texas has displayed as great a public spirit as Sam Wilson. Known from one end of the state to the other as Sam, his countless acts have always been cloaked in secrecy. Hospitals, schools, charities, religious organizations and public improvements have all been aided by his kindly efforts and splendid financial assistance. Countless professional leaders of the area openly admit owing their education to his grants.

Recently Sam Wilson summed his philosophy to a group of friends with the statement that "everyone of us should do everything in our power to aid the growth of our city and this area. We should help build better roads, schools and other educational facilities, more and better hospitals . . . in other words to make Corpus Christi the finest city in all America. If we approach the problems of this city, our home, from a sound business basis, and not throw away money, we can accomplish that goal. That's my goal in life . . . because I want to make my home city a better place for my children and my employees' children to live in."

Who's Who In American Chess

Harry E. Graham

President of the Corpus Christi Chess Club, sponsoring the U. S. Open Tournament, Harry Graham belongs to the modest school of chess players who insist that their skill is only average. He started on the road to chess playing in his home town of Chestertown (Md.) some thirty years ago at the age of ten, and has been playing ever since.

According to his own confession, Harry's game was "terrible," but despite that fact he won a city championship at Trenton N. J., sponsored by the local YMCA. In 1942 Harry Graham came to Corpus Christi and in the first week-end met Horowitz in a simultaneous exhibition.

That, says Harry, was the top of his chess career for he gained three connected pawns and should have won the game. But Horowitz struggled desperately and managed to get a draw.

As befits an ardent chess enthusiast Harry enters the Southwestern Open regularly and usually finishes half-way up the list; in the local City Tournament he usually ends up third.

As a highlight to his administrative skill (and good practice for the U. S. Open) Harry helped in 1945 to stage the biggest and best Southwestern Open Tournament to date. This, he insists, was not his single contribution but that of the group of Corpus Christi players who are once again his able collaborators in staging the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament.

Conrad P. Hoover

Born in 1905, Conrad Hoover waited until 1940 to learn his chess; since then he has been very busy making up for the years of lost opportunity, and now ranks among the strongest players of the Corpus Christi Chess Club.

In the seven years of awakened chess play, Conrad has held the City Championship of Corpus Christi twice and been Co-Champion once. Conrad considers himself as merely an "A" class player and so ranks in correspondence chess circles where he is a consistent player. At various times Hoover has drawn against Horowitz, Kotanowski and



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Alert to its possibilities Conrad promoted in June, 1947, the first short wave radio match between Corpus Christi and Houston, won by Houston; and the return match won by Corpus Christi for the first radio matches in the Lone Star State. Previously he organized four team matches between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

In his moments away from chess Conrad Hoover is an auditor in the Post Office and a member of the National Federation of Postal Supervisors.

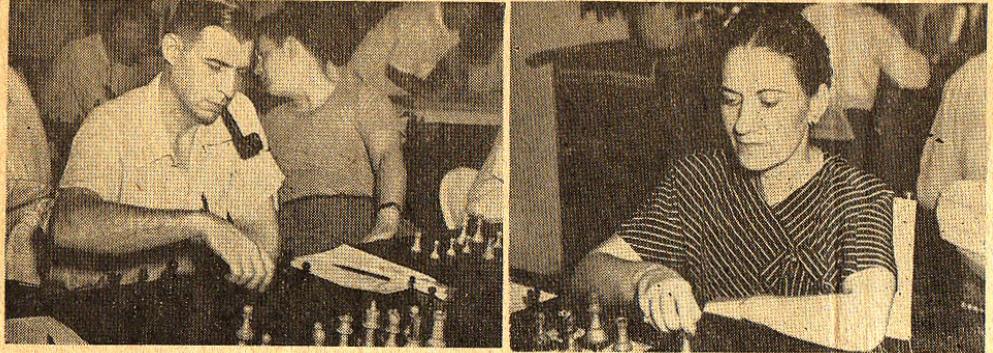


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SCENES FROM THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

Martin Southern, president of the Southern Association, with his "second love" (his pipe).

Photos: LeVaun's

Mary Bain, Southern Association Woman's Champion, poised for the battle on the chess board.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

One-Shot

We naturally expect the finest chess to be played by the great masters, and this is true of their lifetime product when viewed at its selective best. Yet many an unknown, who has botched most of his games and ruined innumerable promising positions, succeeds at some time or other in playing the game of a lifetime. Thus he enjoys a passing moment of greatness, incidentally enriching our lives with a unique masterpiece.

Brussels, 1942

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

White	Black
M. DEFOSE	FRANK
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-B4	P-QK3
4. Kt-B3	

This game offers still another proof that 4 P-KKt3 is White's best chance of holding some initiative.

B-Kt2

5. B-Kt5 is more aggressive.

B-Kt5

6. Q-B2

Kt-K5

7. B-Q3

P-KB4

8. P-QR3

BxKtch.

9. PxP

O-O

10. O-O

This allows a devastating attack;

but it is difficult to suggest a good alternative.

R-B3!

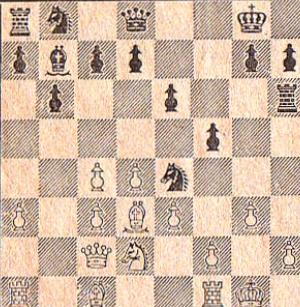
Depending on the action of this Rook, the advanced Knight, the long-range Bishop and his Queen, Black plans a devastating attack.

11. Kt-Q2

R-R3

12. P-K3??

It was absolutely essential to capture the Knight.



12. Q-R5!! Alertly seizing on White's lapse. If now 13 PxQ, R-Kt3 ch; 14 K-R1, KtxP mate. But the best is yet to come!

13. Kt-Kt3 Now Black's Queen is doubly attacked.

Kt-Kt4!!!

With this charming sacrifice (which must be accepted), Black exposes the weak white squares to the raking fire of the terrible Bishop.

14. PxQ Stretching out the game a bit: if 14 KtxQ, Kt-R6 mate.

KtxKtch

15. K-Kt2 A delicious finale results from 15 K-R1, RxP; 16 K-Kt2, Kt-K8 ch!; 17 K-K3 (or 17 K-Kt1, Kt-K5 mate), R-Kt5 ch; 18 K-R3, B-Kt7 mate.

Kt-Kt3

16. K-R3, B-Kt7 ch; 17 K-Kt3, R-Kt3 ch loses as in the text.

R-Kt3 ch.

17. K-B4 R-Kt5 ch.

Kt-K5

A less "brutal" finish than 18 Kt-B3 mate. This miniature, one of the most beautiful I have ever seen, was shown to me by Irving Chernov.

ALEMAN WINS SPEED AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miguel Aleman, Champion of Cuba, won the 62nd annual championship of the Havana Chess Club. The Cuban Champion won the preliminary tournament and then bested Rogelio Ferrer in a fifteen game match after Ferrer had disposed of Zaide Valdes, who tied him in the preliminary tourney, in a shorter match.

Not content with this triumph, Aleman was victorious in the Speed Championship of the Cuban Chess Institute defeating Francisco Planas in the final match. Over one hundred players entered the six preliminary tournaments, and eighteen successful survivors (including four Caribbean Olympic players, Aleman, Planas, Alvarez and Paz) contested in the final tourney which Aleman won.

Added chess enthusiasm was engendered by the visit of Dr. Max Euwe who in the course of two simultaneous exhibitions at the Municipal Palace and the Palace of the Havana Lawyers Institution won sixty three games, drew fourteen, and lost three in a total of eighty exhibition games.

In the Havana Province Championship Jorge Bou Morales holds first place undefeated and Eugene Rosas is assured of second place. Third place is held by Rene de la Campa, a recent home-comer from Canada.

DREXEL SPEEDY IN RAPID CHESS; WEINSTEIN 2nd

In the Rapid Transit Tournament, held in connection with the Southern Ass'n Open Tournament at St. Petersburg, Dr. Gustave Drexel was too fast for his opponents, winning the Speed King Title with 16-1. Second was Stanley Weinstein with 15-2, and third place was shared by E. J. Dowling and C. Weberg with 12½-13 each. Fifth place went to Major J. B. Holt with 11½-5½, while sixth place fell to Arthur Montano with 10½-6½. Eighteen players from the Open Tournament were entered in the Rapid Transit, which was played on Monday, July 7, after the close of the Southern Ass'n Tournament.

United passed pawns are a lot stronger than a lone passed pawn. Join the USCF and get unity in American chess.

STEWART WINS IDAHO TITLE; FORM STATE ASS'N

Idaho's first State Chess Tournament was held at Twin Falls at the Rogerson Hotel over the weekend of July 4-6 and resulted in the victory of C. H. Stewart of Boise. Second place went to Mel Schubert of Twin Falls who tied in points with Stewart but lost the title on the basis of his individual loss to the new champion. Third place resulted in a tie between Laverl and Lloyd Kimpton of Twin Falls.

A preliminary tournament was played to determine finalists, and the four top players contested a round-robin to determine the State Championship. Winner of the Consolation section was Don Murphy of Twin Falls.

During the meet the Idaho State Chess Association was formed with C. H. Stewart as president and Mel Schubert as secretary-treasurer; and it was voted to affiliate with the USCF. Plans were laid for a more ambitious state tournament the next year. The Twin Falls Chess Club acted as host for the tournament and meeting.

STOLCENBERG WINS MICHIGAN TITLE; ENDS RETIREMENT

After a two year retirement from serious chess, Leon Stolcenberg (Detroit) regained the Michigan State Championship at Grand Rapids, Mich., with a score of 6½-1½. The new champion lost a game to Dr. Bruno Schmidt and drew with George Eastman, but was otherwise untouched.

Second place was shared by Schmidt and Eastman with scores of 5½-2½ each, and the two former champions drew their game with each other. Eastman was the drawing master of the tourney, losing no games but drawing five, while Schmidt lost to Uhlman and Buskager. Fourth place was also a tie, between E. J. Van Sweden and William Lacey with 4½-3½ each.

The tournament was held in the lounge of the East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids from June 30 through July 3, and the Rev. Charles M. Houser was host for the occasion.

Michigan State Championship

Leon Stolcenberg (Detroit)	6½-1½
George Eastman (Detroit)	5½-2½
Dr. Bruno Schmidt (Detroit)	5½-2½
William Lacey (Detroit)	4½-3½
E. J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids)	4½-3½
Robert Uhlman (Grand Rapids)	3-5
Martin Vonk (Grand Rapids)	3-5
Reuben Buskager (Battle Creek)	3-5
Frank Holloway (Grand Rapids)	0-8

MILLER, BORIS SHARE TOLEDO CHAMPIONSHIP

In the 1947 Championship Tournament of the Toledo Chess Club first honors were shared by Dr. L. Miller and Dr. S. Boris with the final score of 6-2 each. Third place was also a tie between Roff and Randolph with 5½-2½ each, while Jackson, Jr., was fifth with 5-3 and Aschley sixth with 4-4.

SOUTHERN ASS'N HOLDS SPLENDID CHESS TOURNEY

As reported in CHESS LIFE July 20, the annual Tournament of the Southern Chess Association at St. Petersburg (Fla.) resulted in a splendid meeting. Conducted on a Swiss System, with ties broken on the Sonneborn-Berger method, it conferred five titles in five different classes. Stanley Weinstein (Miami) became the 26th Southern Ass'n Champion with a score of 6-1. E. J. Dowling (St. Petersburg) won the Major Reserves; J. Szold (St. Petersburg) the Minor Reserves. The Junior Championship went to 16-year-old Jerry Sullivan (Knoxville); and the Woman's Championship to Mrs. Mary Bain (Miami), who placed second in the 1946 U. S. Women's Championship. The play was directed by John Hay (Knoxville, Tenn.) who served as Tournament Director.

Among the high points of the tournament were the exciting victory of E. J. Dowling over Arthur Montano (Tampa) in a brilliant attacking game; the bitter battle between Stanley Weinstein and former Champion Dr. Gustave Drexel which ended in a draw; the 78 move draw between Drexel and Jerry Sullivan, the new Junior Champion; and lastly the victory of Mrs. Mary Bain over Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach). This last had added interest from an incautious remark of Major Holt earlier in the tournament to the effect that in all his years of chess playing he had never seen a woman play a good game. Good-naturedly the Major took a bit of kidding after his defeat.

Southern Association Championship

S. Weinstein	6-1	P. Barton	5½-3½
G. Drexel	5½-1½	G. N. Coker	5½-3½
G. Hernandez	5-2	Mary Hoferberg	5½-3½
Maj. J. B. Holt	5-2	J. Szold	3-4
Arthur Montano	4-3	J. B. Gibson	3-4
C. Weberg	4-3	J. M. Atkins	3-4
Mrs. Bain	4-3	J. McCann	3-4
J. Sullivan	4½-2½	E. A. Prokop	2½-4½
E. J. Dowling	4½-2½	F. Filip	2-5
W. A. Reynolds	4-3	I. Broden	2-5
W. R. Long	4-3	R. Robaldo	2-5
R. Robaldo	4-3	E. Werber	2-5
E. A. Brown	3½-3½	S. Miller	1½-5½
G. Jackson	3½-3½	Marie Caldwell	1½-5½
A. Montano	3½-3½		

The tournament was held at the Chess Divan of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club, who acted as host and Mayor Bruce Blackburn of St. Petersburg made the welcoming address and the opening move in the tournament play. Trophies and awards to the winners were presented at the annual banquet at the Wedgewood Inn.

At the business meeting of the Association Martin Southern (Knoxville, Tenn.) was reelected president. Other elected officers were Dr. Gustave Drexel (Miami, Fla.) first vice-president; E. A. Brown (Atlanta, Ga.) second vice-president; and Major J. B. Holt (Long Beach, Fla.) secretary-treasurer. The invitation to hold the 1949 tournament at Knoxville, Tenn., was accepted after several bids from other cities were considered.

FLORIDA FORMS CHESS LEAGUE; DREXEL CHAMPION

As a part of the enthusiasm engendered by the Southern Chess Ass'n Tournament at St. Petersburg, the Florida State Chess League was organized with J. B. Gibson (Tampa) as president, Gustave Drexel first vice-president, Bernhard Klein (Jacksonville) second vice-president, and Major J. B. Holt secretary-treasurer.

At the close of the Open Tournament, Dr. Gustave Drexel was named Florida State Champion, since Stanley Weinstein (listing both Miami and New York, with the latter as his home) was declared ineligible for the State title.

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For The Tournament-Minded

August 11-23

48th U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Corpus Christi, Texas

Open to all chess players; entry fee \$10.00; address Harry E. Graham, 325 Laurel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

August 30-September 1

2nd Ohio Chess Congress

Of Ohio Chess Ass'n

Columbus, Ohio

Players must register before noon Saturday at Columbus Central YMCA, as play begins 12:00 noon sharp. Further details later.

August 30-September 1

Southwestern Open Tournament

Fort Worth, Texas

Open to all chess players; entry fee to be announced later; address Frank R. Graves, 960 E. Mulkey, Fort Worth, Tex. Tournament held in Longhorn Room of Texas Hotel.

August 30-September 1

Pennsylvania State Championship

Allentown, Penna.

Open to Pennsylvania players; will be held at Americus Hotel in Allentown with Lehigh Valley Chess Club as host. Entry fee not announced.

August 30-September 7

New York State Tournament

Endicott, N. Y.

Open to all players. Write to Harold Thayer of Vestal, N. Y. for details. To be held at the I. B. M. Country Club.

August 30-September 1

New England Championship

Tournament

Boston, Mass.

Open to all New England players; under the direction of Waldo L. Walters; to be played at Boston City Club; write Albert J. Hardiman, Young Men's Christian Union, 48 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass., for details.

August 30-September 1

West Virginia State Championship

Huntington, W. Va.

Open to W. Va. chess players; special women's and junior championships if enough entries; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va., for details.

BRAKE TROUBLE IS GOOD BREAK FOR SALT LAKE

Brake trouble on July 4 in Parley's Canyon with its fifteen miles of canyon, dugroads, reservoirs and its 4,000 foot drop into the city of Salt Lake could have been a "bad break" for George Koltanowski and wife; but they arrived safe, if somewhat exhausted and excited. It was a "good break" however for Salt Lake City chess players, as H. A. Dittman, president of the YMCA Chess Club seized the unscheduled stopover as an opportunity for a simultaneous exhibition.

Cooperation of Roger Freund, YMCA secretary, and the Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake Telegram and Desert News brought out a record crowd on a hurry call for the exhibition. Koltanowski, imperturbable as ever, swept the boards, conceding draws to City Champion Irvin Taylor and J. M. Boyden.

H. A. Dittman, impresario for the occasion, is the well-known craftsman in wood whose unusual trophies grace the U. S. Championship. He has recently completed a more elaborate trophy in nine varieties of rare woods which will be presented to FIDE for the World Championship Tournament.

Say You Saw It In CHESS LIFE.

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DUTCH DEFENSE
U. S. Junior Championship
Finals, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

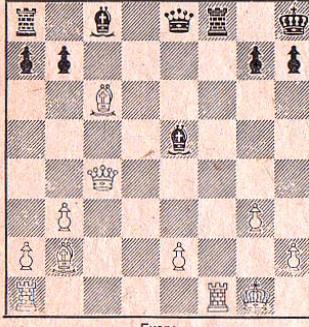
White Black

L. EVANS	P-KB4	9. P-K3	KQ-K2
1. P-Q4		10. B-K2	K-B3
2. P-KK3	P-K3	11. Kt-K1	B-B3
3. B-K2	Kt-K3	12. KtxKt	BP-K3
4. P-QB4	B-K2	13. P-B3	P-P3
5. Kt-QB3	O-O	14. BxP	PxP
6. Q-B2	P-Q4	15. QxP	.....
7. Kt-B3	P-QB3	15. QxP	.....
8. O-O	Q-K1	16. Kt-Q3	P-K4
15.	Kt-K3	17. K-R1	18. PxP
16. Kt-Q3	P-K4	19. BxP!	.....
17.	KtxKt	After 19. BxP!	Friedman

Overlooking White's surprising 19th move, 17. BxP was essential.

18. KtxKt BxKt 19. BxP!

Friedman



Evans

This only wins a P. But it gives White a strong grip on the position. Black puts up an aggressive defense but has to yield more material in order to do so.

19. PxP 20. RxR ch.

Or 20. BxR, RxR ch; 21. RxR, B-R6; 22.

Q-B7! QxB7; 23. Q-Q8 ch.

20. QxR 21. BxR B-R6

R-KB1's best chance is 21. B-Q2; 22.

B-KK1, Q-Q2; 23. Q-B7, Q-B4 ch; 24. K-K2,

B-KK1 but not 24. Q-Q4 ch; 25. QxQ,

PxQ; 26. R-B7!

22. Qxp R-QB1 24. Q-K7 Q-B1

23. Q-Q6 25. QxP R-K1

If 25. R-R1; 26. BxP ch! R-K1

26. Q-QB7 R-K2 29. BxQ RxP

27. B-Q6 Q-R1 30. P-R4

28. Q-K18 ch. QxQ

It would be safer to keep both Ps. For instance, 30. P-QR4, B-K3; 31. P-QR4, B-Q4;

32. P-R4, B-Q5; 33. P-R5 B-B4

31. K-R1 R-K7 34. P-R6 R-KB8 ch.

32. B-K5 RxP

It was better to keep the Ps. For instance, 30. B-K12, B-K5; 31. P-QR4, B-K7

35. K-B2 R-K5 38. K-Q3 B-K7

36. K-B2 R-K5 39. K-Q4 B-K2

37. BxP K-K6 40. B-K5 K-K2

Forced, Black cannot allow the White K to reach QR8.

41. K-K6 K-Q2 43. B-K5

42. BxP K-B1

Just in time. If the Black K gets to QR8, White cannot force the win. Now it is all over.

43. P-KR4 48. PxP K-Q2

44. P-R7 B-B6 49. P-K5

45. P-K4 B-B7 50. P-K6

46. B-B4 K-Q1 51. K-B5

47. P-K4 PxP 52. P-K7 Resigns

EVANS GAMBIT

Canada vs. Australia

Radio Chess Match, 1947

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

White Black

R. E. MARTIN	P-K4	3. B-B4	B-B4
1. P-K4	P-K4	4. B-B4	B-B4
2. Kt-K3	Kt-QB3	4. P-Q4	.....

The idea is for White to get a lasting strong attack at the expense of a P. But, if Black can hold out to the end-game, his Q-side P majority will leave him a very favorable game.

4. BxP 6. P-Q4 PxP

5. P-B3 B-R4

This line is not the best. In recent years

6. P-Q3; 7. Q-Kt3, Q-Q2? was found to

give a very satisfactory game for Black,

7. O-O B-Kt3 9. Q-Q5

8. PxP P-Q3

With this move White gives up the spirit of the opening. The idea is to keep the pressure on Black's KBP.

9. Kt-K4 10. B-Q3

Perhaps 10. B-Kt5 ch is better. However, White is down the Gambit P anyway without any compensation for it.

10. Kt-K2 11. B-K2 P-KB3

Good! As castling would be too dangerous without this move.

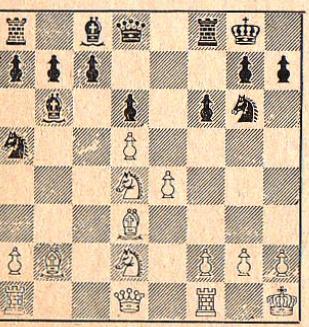
12. Q-Kt2 Q-Kt2

The QKt would be better placed at QB8

12. Kt-K3 14. K-R1

13. Kt-Q4 0-0

After 14. K-R1 Cowd



Martin

14. Kt-K2?

This is meaningless. White can chase the KtK away any time he wants it. A good freeing move would have been P-QB4 and White would have had a difficult choice to make.

15. B-K2 BxKt 16. BxP P-QB4

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University of Rochester,
Rochester 3, New York**KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE**

1947 Franklin Club Championship

Notes by Barnie F. Winkelman

White Black

B. F. WINKELMAN S. T. SHARPE

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 12. B-K3 R-K1

2. P-QB4 P-KKt3 13. QR-B1 B-B1

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5. B-K2 B-K2 16. P-K4 P-KR3

6. O-O 0-0 17. B-K3 K-R2

7. Kt-B3 P-Q3 18. Kt-R4 Kt-B1

8. Q-B2 Q-Kt2 19. Q-R5 ch. Kt-K3

9. P-KR3 P-K4 20. KtKxch. BxKt

10. PxP PxP 21. Q-B3 Kt-B5

22. BxKt Px3; 23. QxP seems better.

22. BxKt 24. PxP e.p. BxKp

23. PxP P-B4

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Sharpe



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This loses 28. B-Kt3 keeps his Queen's Pawn protected. He need not then fear 28.

B-R6?; 29. PxP, QxP ch; 30. K-KL, Kt-K2;

31. QxR ch, KtxQ; 32. R-K8 ch, Kt-K2; 33. Kt-K when White resigns.

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30. Q-B4 P-R4 36. P-K3 Kt-B6

31. Q-R2 O-K5 37. R-Q1 KtxB

32. B-B6 Kt-K3 38. PxKt RxP ch.

33. O-RP Kt-K4 39. Kt1 RxP

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Ruy Lopez

U. S. Junior Championship

Finals, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black

R. SIEMMS L. FRIEDMAN

1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-B3

2. Kt-K3 Kt-QB3 5. P-Q3

3. B-K5 P-QR3

The Steinitz procedure. It gives the game a quiet character where Black can equalize without much trouble.

4. R-K1 K-Q2 19. Kt-K6 BxP ch.

14. R-K1 K-Q2 19. Kt-K6 BxP ch.

15. O-O 20. R-K1 Kt-K6 BxP ch.

16. R-B2 QR-KB1 21. KtxR ch. QxKt

17. B-B3 Q-B2 22. R-K1 QxKt

18. Kt-K5 Q-Kt1 23. BxP

There was no need to play this risky move, which should ultimately lose a P.

12. PxP K-QP 14. P-Q4 PxP

13. QxQ K-QP 15. P-Q4

15. B-K4 was well worth considering.

16. OR-QP 20. Kt-B3 (R4) 02

16. PxP B-K15 21. P-QR3 (R4) 02

17. R-Q1 Kt-K1 22. R-Q2 Kt-K1

18. BxKt R-B2 23. OR-Q1 B-B3

19. B-K3 KR-Q1 24. Kt-K4 Kt-K7 ch.

This permits White to recover his P very neatly. If Black plays sharply, he can re-

49. K-K5

The only chance to win. If 49. P-B4;

50. K-R6 Kt-K4; 50. P-B5; 51. K-K15,

51. K-B7 BxP draws.

50. K-B6 KxP 52. R-R7

Loses by force. White could draw by 52. B-B7, P-R4; 53. B-Q1, Kt-K5; 54. K-K6. A very commendable game by both players.

52. P-R4 54. K-K6 P-R6

53. B-K1 P-R5 55. K-B6 K-B6

Resigns

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26. Q-K13 B(K5)xB 32. RxR B-K3

27. BxP BxRP 33. B-K17 K-B2

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86 Players Contest In U.S. Open

LARGEST FIELD OF PLAYERS MEET IN 48th OPEN TOURNEY *Latin American Champions Entered Add That International Flavor*

At Corpus Christi, Texas, the largest and one of the strongest fields of chess players contest for the 48th Annual U. S. Open Championship title. Eighty-six players in all, representing seventeen States, Mexico, Canada, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Cuba and New Zealand, are meeting in the modified Swiss System Tournament conducted by the USCF with the Corpus Christi Chess Club and the Texas Chess Association acting as hosts.

The Tournament is the meeting place of champions, average players and novices. A few of the leading names include Isaac Kashdan, former Open Champion; Herman Steiner, defending Open Champion; Anthony E. Santasiere, Ventnor City victor; Dan Abe Yanofsky, present Canadian Champion; R. G. Wade, former New Zealand Champion; Miguel Aleman, Champion of Cuba; Miguel Cueffar, Champion of Colombia; Arturo Colon, Champion of Puerto Rico; and Weaver Adams and Olaf Ulvestad of the U. S. Team vs. U. S. S. R.

Other players of note include Mary Bain, Southern Ass'n Woman's Champion; Alfonso Ferriz, Champion of Mexico City; William Byland, Metropolitan Champion of Pittsburgh; Paul Poschel, Illinois State Champion; Albert Sandrin, former Illinois State Champion; Dr. Gustave Drexel, Florida State Champion; Charles Joachim, Seattle Champion and former Vienna Amateur Champion; Alfred Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion; Robert Steinmeyer, St. Louis District Champion; Dr. Bela Rosza, Oklahoma State Champion; and Bert Brice-Nash, Panhandle Open Champion.

The Junior group of players is ably represented by George Kramer, former New York State Champion; Larry Evans, U. S. Junior Lightning Champion; Joseph Sullivan, Jr., Southern Ass'n Junior Champion; and Paul Poschel, Illinois Junior Champion.

Early rounds reported as CHESS LIFE goes to press indicate an exciting start to the tournament with the usual upsets. In a startling game 15-year-old Larry Evans bested Abe Yanofsky, while Mrs. Mary Bain defeated Alfonso Ferriz, but lost to Olaf Ulvestad. As the early rounds of the Swiss System do not bring together the leading players, most of the ranking entrants in the tournament are as yet undefeated, although Arturo Colon joined the ranks of the unexpectedly vanquished in yielding a game to William Kendall of San Antonio in the second round.

Other early round surprises included the brilliant game of the 18-year-old George Kramer in which he held the undefeated Isaac Kashdan to a draw while the former champion Anthony Santasiere was no more successful, drawing with the young Albert Sandrin of Chicago whose failing eyesight has so far been no handicap to his game.

One of the hardest fought games of the early rounds was the grueling contest between Kashdan and Miguel Aleman of Cuba, which the Cuban finally lost.

See September 5 issue for final report on Tournament.

CCLA ANNOUNCES ITS 15th ANNUAL U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry for the 15th Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship Tournament which confers the Official Correspondence Chess Title for the United States closes on September 1, 1947. The tournament is conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America under the endorsement of the United States Chess Federation.

Unlike other CCLA events this tournament is open to all residents of the United States (whether members of the CCLA or not) but all competitors must be members of the USCF or become members in order to compete. The tournament has three rounds of play, with prizes in each round. Winner of the championship receives possession of the Henry D. Hibbard Memorial Trophy for one year plus permanent possession of a special trophy, and is recognized by the USCF as the U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion for 1947.

RULES

1. All entrants must be members in good standing of the USCF.
2. Entry fee: \$1.00 per section—\$1.50 if you are not a member in good standing of the Correspondence Chess League of America—and you may enter as many sections as you like.

3. One game with each opponent. Unfinished games will be called in for adjudication one year after they are begun in the first round, and eighteen months in the second round.

4. Players are allowed 60 hours in which to dispatch their moves and must make 30 moves in three months (beginning from the postmark of their own replies) and ten moves before their failure to comply will be sufficient cause to declare the delinquent player's game forfeited.

5. One month vacation may be taken during each year of play, either at one time or in periods of a week or more, but notification in advance must be given to the Tournament Director and each opponent.

6. Rules of play will be supplied with assignments and players play on all sections.

7. All entries, accompanied by entry fees in full and made payable to M. O. Meyer, Treas., must be postmarked no later than midnight September 1st, 1947, and sent to: Dick Rees, CCLA Secretary, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.



FIDE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT HILVERSUM

Front Row—Seated: Paul G. Giers, U.S.A.; Postnikoff, Czechoslovakia; Dr. W. Dorazil, Austria; G. C. Dal Verme, Italy; Dr. A. Rueb, President; Prof. H. Meyer, Treasurer; Marcel Berman, France.

Middle Row—Standing: Dr. F. Peeters, Belgium; N. Stalter, Luxembourg; B. H. Wood, Great Britain; Dr. E. Voellmy, Switzerland; Ragozin, U.S.S.R.; Heynen, Hungary; J. Louma, Yugoslavia; K. J. Nieukerke, Secretary.

AL. WILLS WINS LA. STATE TITLE; FORM STATE ASS'N

In the Louisiana State Championship Tournament at Baton Rouge, July 4-6, Al. Wills of New Orleans emerged as State Champion, closely followed by Cecil K. Collins of Shreveport, the 1946 Champion. Third place went to Frederick Cummings of New Orleans by virtue of a Sonneborn-Berger rating breaking his tie score with Gray who was placed fourth. The seven round Swiss tourney had twenty-two entries and was directed by Otto Claitor of Baton Rouge, with J. C. Currie, A. M. Lockett, Jr., C. K. Collins and A. Wills serving on the tournament committee. The Shreveport Chess Club will be hosts to the 1948 Tournament.

On July 6th the Louisiana State

Chess Federation was formally organized and the following officials were elected: A. Wyatt Jones (Shreveport) president, Andrew M. Lockett, Jr. (New Orleans), Ralph H. Agate (Lafayette), Dr. Earl Jones (Alexandria) and Eugene K. Flourney (Monroe) vice-presidents; and Otto Claitor (Baton Rouge) secretary-treasurer. Dues for the Louisiana Chess Federation automatically includes membership in the USCF.

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an (Montreal) 3-4 each; H. J. Dan-

iels (Toronto) 2-5; and D. Paetkau

(Rostherne) 0-7.

U. S. HAS TWO MEN IN WORLD MATCH FOR "MAIL" TITLE

In the World Championship Correspondence Tournament two well-known CCLA players are entered. One is Jack W. Collins, present U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion; the other J. Edwin Woody, who leads in the current U. S. Correspondence Tourney and can do no worse than tie for the U. S. Title. Collins (Brooklyn) and Woody (Two Rivers, Wis.) will meet such redoubtable correspondence experts as Purdy, G. Wood, Koshnitsky and Henneberger in their endeavor to bring this World Title to America.

R. E. MARTIN WINS CCA "MAIL" TITLE IN CANADIAN MEET

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PLAYGROUNDS ARE CHESS-CONSCIOUS AT HARRISBURG, PA.

Sponsored by Councilman Leitner the game of chess has become a playground must for Harrisburg (Pa.) Parks Department. Starting with 60 sets and boards purchased on an experimental budget, aided by the advice of the USCF on constructing the program with USCF Director John D. French on the spot to offer suggestions, the Parks Department have already found a playground chess program growing into one of the most popular of activities. Over 100 boys and girls have learned to play chess since its introduction in June of this year.

First instructor appointed was 16-year-old Joseph E. Miller, a Boys' Club chess expert, who has taught most of the other youthful instructors in the fine points of the game. So successful has been the chess program that neighboring cities are already viewing the results at Harrisburg and planning to follow suit.

A championship tournament has been planned for the playgrounds in August with the winners in each park meeting in a final tournament to determine the Park Championship; and the Harrisburg Telegraph is donating prizes for the event.

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THE WISDOM OF THE OSTRICH

THE Ostrich, so the legends run, hides its head in the sand to avoid seeing the more unpleasant facts of life. In this our noble bird ranks among the last faithful followers of that famous Bishop Berkeley who declared so vigorously that anything we could not see, did not exist.

A tree in darkest Africa was the Bishop's favorite example of his theory, for it was his contention that this tree did not exist for us until we crossed the ocean, trekked into the trackless forests and actually saw the tree itself.

Now it chances that Bishop Berkeley has one other disciple besides the ostrich in these troubled times—a disciple that emulates the ostrich whenever threatened by the terrifying vision of the USCF in American chess. This disciple is a chess publication (need we name it?) which expends a commendable ingenuity in reporting various USCF chess events without ever making a slip and mentioning the forbidden name of the USCF. Its consistency must be respected.

And it would be respected, if events did not demonstrate that in a manner unfaithful to the credo of the ostrich, this latter-day disciple of Bishop Berkeley occasionally lifts its head from the sand and peeks.

In September, 1946, CHESS LIFE began its career as a semi-monthly publication; in October Bishop Berkeley's disciple took a horrified peek and announced the abandonment of a well established policy of ten issues a year for a new policy of a monthly publication.

With the May 20th issue of CHESS LIFE was inaugurated a listing of current tournaments entitled "For the Tournament-Minded"; in June our wavering disciple of the ostrich inaugurated a "Tournament Calendar."

Far from any desire to cry out "Copy-cat," CHESS LIFE is pleased to find these innovations spreading. They benefit the chess player; and his benefit is the primary purpose of CHESS LIFE. We do not even urge this final disciple of Bishop Berkeley to abandon the policy and wisdom of the ostrich and face the fact that the USCF exists. Our sole suggestion is that this follower of the philosophy of the ostrich might profitably peek a little more often. The chess player would benefit thereby; and that is all that really matters to the USCF and CHESS LIFE.

Montgomery Major

SIGN OF THE TIMES

AMONG those symptoms of a healthy growth in chess activity, perhaps the most healthy symptom of all is the increase in State Chess Associations. The past year has seen a parade of these new organizations, each one making chess more active in its local state.

The roll-call of new State Associations begins with South Dakota which organized in the inspiration of the Yankton Tournament. The list continues with Oklahoma, Nebraska, Tennessee, Idaho, Florida, Louisiana and Kentucky. Kansas has reorganized after some years of inactivity, and Washington is even now in the process of organizing.

But let us not stop with the mere act of organization. Each chess player in a State owes it to himself to support his own State Organization by joining it so that it will be truly representative of the State; he owes it to himself to give his State Organization a loyal support that it may be enabled to bring bigger and better chess activity to him and his fellow chess players in the State.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

IF YOU MUST PLAY CHESS By Arnold S. Denker; David McKay (\$2.00)

Ever a fighting player, rash at times and impetuous, the 1944-46 U.S. Chess Champion, Arnold S. Denker, has that rare distinction of seldom playing a dull game. Ever his losses are illuminated by those flashes of brilliance which make him a delight to the spectator of chess and provide a thrill even in the dullest pages of print.

This collection of fifty-five games, each one a gem in its own fashion, covering the period from 1929 to Denker's exciting draw with Botvinnik at Groningen in 1946, has a game to suit every taste; and the reader has the enviable pleasure of both enjoying and learning (the perfect combination) as he plays over the text.

Not the least of the value and charm of this book is the short preface to each game, relating in Denker's quaint humorous style the evaluation the author gives the game, the critical background against which it was played, and often an illuminating note upon his particular opponent in the encounter. In the literature of chess devoted to game collections, few books have been produced as readable and at the same time as enlightening. If you must play chess, this is a book you will enjoy.



Montgomery Major

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HAGUE

A Regular Message by

By Paul G. Giers

Executive Vice-President, United States Chess Federation

WORLD chess has a brighter future as a result of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly concluded at The Hague on August 2. For the first time in history, all chess players on our globe are united in one world organization—Federation Internationale des Echecs—and it may well be said that the Assembly's decisions will lead to more harmonious and effective collaboration among the chess playing nations.

It was my privilege and pleasure to represent the USCF at The Hague and herewith are some highlights of the meeting as I observed them.

Twenty countries were represented by sixteen delegates: Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia. Presiding over the meeting was Dr. A. Rueb, of The Hague, perennial president since FIDE's organization in 1924.

Of greatest interest perhaps is the settlement of the world championship problem. Since the tournament of six masters, approved at the Winterthur Assembly of last year, had not materialized for various reasons, the Netherlands Chess Federation proposed that Dr. Max Euwe as the only living ex-champion be proclaimed world champion; that Dr. Euwe play a match for the title with Samuel Reshevsky and the winner finally engage Botvinnik. This proposal was later amended so that the title would not be awarded until after the Euwe-Reshevsky match.

The USCF proposal called for an enlarged tournament to include three American masters: Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky. Neither proposal was adopted.

After considerable discussion, however, a general agreement was reached that a world title tournament of only six masters be held next Spring, starting after March 1 and ending before May 31, 1948. The six participants will be Reshevsky, Fine, Dr. Euwe, Botvinnik, Smyslov and Keres. As decided by draw, the first half of the tournament will take place in Holland, the second half at Moscow. Each contestant will play four games against every other contestant, for a total of twenty rounds.

The federations of the Netherlands and the U.S.S.R. have jointly assumed all expenses of the tourney, including all travel and living expenses of the participants. To prevent further complications and delays, no postponement or substitution of players will be permitted and in the absence of one or more contestants the remaining contestants will play for the title.

Of far-reaching importance is the entry of the U.S.S.R. as an affiliated unit of FIDE. Now that Russia with its 600,000 registered chess players has joined, the world organization is complete and its decisions will carry full weight.

The progress of the Assembly was hampered to some extent by the fact that the Russian delegation, Ragozin, Postnikoff, Yudowitch and Malsheff, whose arrival had originally been announced for the third day, did not report at The Hague until the fourth and final day of the meeting. Their plane apparently was grounded at Berlin and they had proceeded from there by train. Of course, this seemingly unwarranted delay was not to our liking. We must remember, however, that travel and other conditions in the U.S.S.R. are still unsettled and I believe that there was no willful intent on the Russians' part to delay the proceedings. Once there, the U.S.S.R. delegation displayed a spirit of excellent cooperation and it is significant that all decisions of the final day were by unanimous vote.

The new FIDE constitution adopted by the Assembly includes several USCF additions and USSR proposals. A special committee of three, of which I was a member, reconciled the original draft with another draft submitted by the USSR and the USCF proposals.

According to the constitution, FIDE membership is limited to the principal chess organization of each country. The chess world outside of Central and Western Europe is divided into seven zones: U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Scandinavia, Central America, South America, Australia and Canada. Each zone is represented in the Central Committee by a FIDE vice-president.

All major decisions are left to the General Assembly which convenes annually and is attended by one delegate from each affiliated unit. Officers are elected for a term of four years. There are now three official languages: English, French and Russian, with the French designated as the authentic text.

Dr. Rueb was re-elected president, Prof. Meyer of Switzerland was named treasurer and M. S. Kuhns of Chicago, our own president emeritus, was elected FIDE honorary president.

Bogoljubow, the German master, had applied in 1946 for a clean bill of health so that he might again participate in international tournaments. His conduct during the war years was carefully checked by a special committee. After hearing that committee's report, the Assembly decided that no action was in order and left it to the discretion of each organizing committee whether or not to invite Bogoljubow.

Since Spain had been expelled last year for purely political reasons, we urged its readmission to FIDE. By unanimous consent president Rueb was given authority to correct the situation with regard to Spain.

A beautiful chess trophy, made and donated by H. A. Dittmann of Salt Lake City, was offered by our Federation as prize to be awarded to the next world champion. Our offer was accepted with applause.

We also offered to publish in CHESS LIFE the names and addresses of deserving European masters with an appeal to American players to send packages of needed food and clothing. The proposal was warmly received and several such names are already on our list.

The 1948 General Assembly will be held at Stockholm at the invitation of Folke Rogard who represented the Scandinavian zone.

More in a future article about the delegates and their countries, also about the new system of zonal and interzonal competition for the world championship.

For A Chess Scrapbook

Quotations from Club Publications

Someone has said that Chess Clubs are full of willing people; some who are willing to work and others who are willing to let them.

—A. E. Plueddemann in Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin.

The Juniors that went to Cleveland

By Donald McElroy

After bidding farewell to Minneapolis, Sheldon Rein and myself journeyed on our way to Cleveland and the second National Junior Chess Tournament. We arrived in Cleveland about midnight and were met at the depot by Mr. A. R. Phillips (thank you, Mr. Phillips) who was in charge of the tournament. He drove us to the old library, where we stayed for the next two weeks. We were quite fortunate that we arrived early enough to have our choice of cots—there were approximately 20 in our room, and six in the other. The following day we saw a little of Cleveland.

Monday, after the formalities of the opening ceremonies, play began. The players were all keyed up and many showed signs of being nervous, myself included. Larry Friedman, who repeated as champion, declined the white pieces after winning the flip. Everyone thought that that was very sportsmanlike of the champion. The following days were packed with the old adage, "Oh! I had a win and then blew it." Sheldon's picture was in the Cleveland paper and if I'm not mistaken he bought several copies. Thursday, July 3rd, we were treated to a ball game at the Cleveland stadium, as guests of the Cleveland Indians. For entertainment several of the fellows played, well, I'll take three; No, I don't want any, etc.

During the night we were often awakened by "raids." The fellows from the other room would be swatting us with pillows. When we retaliated, Herman Steiner, Chess Master and Tournament Director, whose room was just between our two, would wake up and blow us out. The swims at the "Y" were always fun. Friday, July 11, after the tournament was over, they had a banquet for us that really hit the spot. A simultaneous exhibition by Herman Steiner which was really a lot of fun. By tricks I won a piece on the master, but I soon was compelled to return it for two pawns. It wasn't long until I gave the pawns back to save my pieces. A few moves later I resigned. Sheldon had a fine game with him but was forced to resign, since we had to catch a 6:15 train the following morning. We met many nice fellows and all in all, had a fine time, although I'm sorry to say, we didn't bring home any trophies or prizes.

—Reprinted from The Pawnshop (Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club).

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I have noticed some discussion in your correspondence columns concerning methods of equalizing the advantage of the first move.

I have considered for some time the possibility of allowing Black 0.6 points for a draw, and White the remaining 0.4 points. Using Mr. Streeter's percentages in your editorial of March 20, this would give White 51.8 points and Black 48.2 points each 100 games.

M. F. ANDERSON,
Rapid City, So. Dakota

Dear Sir:

May I offer the suggestion that a completely logical National Championship Tournament could be held on the basis that the winner in an elimination contest among State Champions only, would be a most easily recognized National Champion.

H. C. LEONARD
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

August 20, 1947

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Canada vs. Australia

Radio Chess Match, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White C. A. CROMPTON Black C. G. WATSON (Canada) (Australia)

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-KB3 B-K2

2. P-QB4 P-KK3 6. B-KK3 B-Q2

3. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 7. Kt-K2 B-Q2

4. P-K4 Kt-B3 8. O-O Kt-K1

5. Kt-K1 9. H-K10 11. B-K3 P-K3

10. P-Q5 Kt-K11 12. R-K3 BxKt

This move leaves the Q-side very weak, but it could hardly be avoided.

12. Q-Q2 P-QR4 13. QR-K1 BxKt

A sad state of affairs to exchange this nice B against the Kt. Probably better was

13. B-R6 Kt-B3 14. Kt-B3 Kt-K2

15. Kt-K1 R-K2 16. B-Q4 KKt-B4

17. Kt-B3 Kt-Q2 18. P-K5 Rr-K2

The R goes out of the line of White's B.

18. Kt-K15 R-K2 19. R-PxP Kt-Q2

19. R-K3 Kt-K15 20. R-R3 QKt-K1

21. P-QR3 QKt-K3 24. Kt-R7 RxKt

22. P-QKt4 Rr-PxP

The sacrifice of the exchange is practically forced, as in Q moves White will continue with Kt-R7 and R-R8, and Black is absolutely

25. RxR P-PxP 29. QxR P-KB3

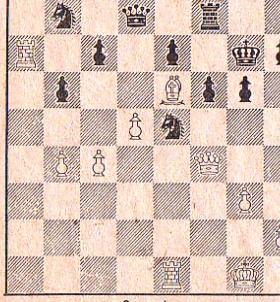
26. PxP BxP 30. B-K6 ch. Kt-K12

27. B-R3! 0-Q1 31. Q-B4 Kt-K4

28. R-K1 Bxch.

After 31., Kt-K4

Watson



Crompton

32. RxKt! Excellent; Black must not take. Kt-B3 35. QKt-Q8. K-R3
33. PxKt Q-Q8 ch. 36. R-R1
34. Kt-K2 PxR

White shows that he also knows how to defend well; the black game—with a B minus—is hopeless.

35. Q-Q7 ch. 39. K-K4 RxP
36. K-R3 R-B7 40. Q-K3 QxQ
37. R-K1 P-K4 41. RxQ Resigns

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QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

Playoff Match for Arequipa Championship, Peru

Notes by William Rojam

White J. SUMAR COURY Black J. A. PEREZ

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5. QKt-Q2 Kt-B3

2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 6. B-P3 PxP

3. P-K3 P-B4 7. BxP

4. B-Q3 P-QK3

Possibly 7. Kt-B4 was more logical to prevent the invasion of the Black Kt at Kt5, but Sumar "el diminuto" apparently prefers the open game and complications.

5. Kt-B2 9. B-K1 B-R3

6. O-O Kt-K5 10. P-K4?

Aggressive; but scarcely sound. White does not care for 10. R-K1, Kt-Q6; 11. BxKt, BxB as his game remains cramped, but it is questionable if the sacrifice of the exchange is justified.

10. BxR 15. Kt-R5 O-O

11. KtxB B-K2 16. O-Q3 R-B1

12. P-K5 Kt(3)-Q4 17. B-Q2 Q-K1

13. P-QR3 Kt(5)-B3 18. Kt-K3 P-Q3

14. Kt-K3 P-B4

Black needs space; but this move creates a weakness on the long diagonal which White exploits immediately.

19. B-R2! PxP

Black cannot play 19., P-B5 effectively because Kt-B5 will be the answer. Dangerous as it looks, 19., P-KKt8 is probably safer.

20. KtxBt Pxt

Almost any other move was safer.

21. BxKt ch. K-R1 25. B-B3 BxKt

22. BxKt QxB 26. RxB Q-Q2

23. KtxP Q-Q4 27. P-Q5 P-Kt1

24. R-K1 B-Q3 28. B-B4 RxR

Here Black's haste to liquidate the pieces is ill-advised, for it gives White two very dangerous passed Ps.

29. PxR Q-Q1 33. Q-Q4 K-K11

30. P-Q6 K-Q3 34. Q-Q5 ch. K-B1

31. Q-R6 Q-Q2 35. B-Kt4 K-R3?

32. Q-B4 R-K1

This is a blunder, and the fifteen year-old Sumar punishes it quickly and deftly.

36. QxQ! QxQ 38. P-Q8(Kt)ch.

37. P-Q7 ch. K-B2 Resigns

This neat win was Sumar's only victory over Perez in the playoff match, for he lost two and drew two with his older opponent.

In the Tournament itself, both were invincible and shared first place.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Lancaster vs. Germantown "Y", 1946

Notes by Erich Marchand

White D. McDIVITT Black W. HALL

(Lancaster) (Germantown)

1. P-Q4 P-K3 5. Kt-B3 QKt-Q2

2. P-QB4 P-Q4 6. B-P3 PxP

3. P-K3 Kt-KB3 7. BxP B-K2

4. Kt-KB3 P-QB3

7. P-QKt4 (the Moran Variation) is preferable.

8. O-O O-O 10. B-Q3 Kt(K1)-Q4

9. Q-B2 Kt-K11 11. KtxKt

This cases Black's game too much. Better is

11. P-QR3 with a view to P-K4 and P-K5.

11. KtxP KtxP 13. P-B4 R-K1

12. Kt-K5 B-Q3 14. R-B3 P-KR3

Here Black overlooks a chance to equalize:

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McDivitt

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Rochester 3, New York

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FRENCH DEFENSE

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Finals, 1947

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G. KROUSS

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After 11., Kt(2)-Kt3

A common sort of sacrifice in this sort of position. If 12., P-Kt2? 13. Kt-K5; Kt5; 14. B-R7 ch. K-R1; 15. R-K8; any 16. Q-R7 mate. Furthermore the P capture 12., BxKt; 13. R-R2 is not worthwhile since in this position the loss of a tempo is very serious.

12. P-B4 16. O-O-O KtxB

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Kashdan Wins 48th U.S. Open!

SANTASIERE, YANOFSKY TIE; CUELLAR (COLOMBIA) FOURTH

*Fifth Place in Close Contest Shared
By Kramer, Shaw, Sanchez, Whitaker*

By virtue of a clear margin of 1½ points with no losses and three draws, Isaac Kashdan regained the title of U.S. Open Chess Champion, which he shared with Horowitz in 1938 at Boston. Playing tireless and unerring chess, Kashdan was never behind, and with the ninth round forged into a lead which was never thereafter overtaken. In the fifth round he drew with the youthful George Kramer, in the ninth he drew Santasiere while Kramer was losing Steinmeyer to take the lead, and in the twelfth round he drew with Miguel Cuellar of Colombia.

Tied for second place were former Open Champion Santasiere and Canadian Champion Yanofsky with 10-3 each. Santasiere drew with Paul Poschel, Illinois Champ in the third round; with his rival of Ventnor City, Whitaker, in the fourth round; with Kendall in the fifth; and with Kashdan in the ninth. He lost one game to Yanofsky. The Canadian drew with Thompson in the ninth round and with Kramer in the twelfth; but lost two games; in the second round to Evans and in the seventh to Kashdan.

Miguel Cuellar, Colombian National Champion, placed fourth with a record of ups and downs. He lost to Kramer, Lasker and Santasiere, and drew with Kashdan. Fifth place resulted in a four-way tie between Kramer, Sanchez, Shaw and Whitaker with 9-4 each, while Adams, Albert Sandrin, Ulvestad and Steiner tied for ninth with 8½-4½. Behind these in a tie for thirteenth place were Aleman, Colon, Drexel, Evans, Steinmeyer, Wade and Lasker.

In all the titanic tournament of eighty-six players was a great success, although ten players withdrew before the final rounds were played. And the startling feature of the tournament were the placing of several unfamiliar names above players of well-known ability and record. In particular the showing of Steven T. Shaw, who placed in a tie for fifth above such well known exponents as Ulvestad, Adams and Steiner, and in his plus score counted victories over Aleman, Steinmeyer.

Among the upsets of the Open Tournament may be counted the Larry Evans victory over Yanofsky, Kramer's loss to Steinmeyer, Shaw's first round loss to Miller in view of Shaw's final score, Adams' loss to Kendall. Other exciting features were Kramer's draw with Kashdan, Santasiere's draw with Paul Poschel.

The freak game of the tournament was a nine move draw between Kramer and Yanofsky, which was claimed by Kramer on a repetition of moves. The longest game was the hard fought battle between Mrs. Mary Bain of Miami and Charles Joachim of Seattle which resulted in a draw after 103 moves.

Among the other oddities was the game lost to Kendall by Adams in which the New England professional in a rare moment of chess blindness misjudged a combination and lost a piece on the ninth move, and with it the game although he played on bravely for some time.

George Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, served efficiently as Tournament Director.

See box score Page 4

VA HOSPITALS FIND VALUE IN CHESS BY MAIL

Under the impetus given by VA Chess Club in the VA Hospital at Lexington, Ky., a program of correspondence chess for VA patients is spreading throughout the country, encouraged by the VA Chiefs of Special Service and abetted by the USCF "Chess for Veterans" program. Hospitals in as distant areas as Alaska and Cuba are joining with the continental U.S. hospitals in forming a VA Correspondence Chess League for VA patients.

In a recent report, Thomas W. Rentz, Recreation Director at the Lexington (Ky) hospital, calls the formation of the local chess club the outstanding activity of the Recreation Department in June and commends the therapeutic value of chess, relating the case of a patient at Lexington who resisted all efforts to interest him in any activity until the chess club was organized whereupon he became an enthusiastic member.

In a letter on the correspondence chess program, Harry L. Jackson, Chief, Special Services at Brecksville (Ohio) VA Hospital, endorses it as of particular value for the tuberculosis patients at Brecksville who are cut off from usual contacts with the outside world, both for providing contacts by mail and for being unusually well adapted for bed patients.

While the veterans are developing their own mail chess program, outside players are welcomed to the correspondence games as providing better contact with the outside world. Every chess player who can possibly spare the time for one or two correspondence games with VA patients is urgently requested to contact: Frank Troutman, VA Hospital, Lexington, Ky., himself a VA patient, who is serving as USCF Chairman of the "Chess for Veterans" sub-committee on Correspondence Chess.

COUNT 25 ENTRIES IN NYSC TOURNEY ADVANCE NOTICE

A press release on the New York State Chess Association Tournament at Endicott, well in advance of final registration date, indicates advance registration of twenty-five players from different parts of the State. When pairing begins at the I.B.M. Country Club, scene of the tournament, the title-holder Anthony E. Santasiere, fresh from a second place tie at the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi, will face George Kramer, 1945 State Champion who placed in at tie for fifth at Corpus Christi, and Dr. Edward Lasker, who tied for ninth at the U. S. Open.

Other redoubtable entries include: Sven Almgren, Frank Anderson (Toronto Champion), Samuel Baron, J. S. Battell, Frank Collins, Jack W. Collins, Jeremiah F. Donovan, Richard Einhorn, P. L. Gluckemus, Myron Fleischer, Arthur Fox, Max Herzberger, H. M. Phillips, Stephen Shaw, Eugene Shapiro, Jack Soudakoff, Albert E. Vossler, Saul Wanstik, John T. Westbrook, Norman C. Wilder, Jr.

UNIQUE CLUB COMBINES CHESS WITH FELLOWSHIP

The tenets of a most unusual chess club, which must remain anonymous, hold many points of interest which might profitably be applied by other groups of chess players in forming their own clubs. The keynote of this club has always been the combination of social fellowship with chess; and the attainment of this ideal has been through the years perfected by a few simple rules.

First, the membership has always been selective—not over eight or ten members, picked for their quality of good fellowship with an endeavor to keep the membership evenly matched in chess skill.

Second, the procedure is to meet for dinner every second or third week and then to play just one serious game of chess with clocks—no skittles, and no games held over for a later session.

In the course of the year the club plays a double round robin tournament on this plan—a schedule than has always been completed except for the three regrettable occasions when death interferred. This tournament is played for the love of chess, and no prizes are awarded.

Here, then, is that happy blending of chess and fellowship which has been for many chess players only a wistful dream. Impractical, some may say, but the club has been functioning for more than twenty-five years; and is still going strong.

See September 20th issue of

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for photographs of the
U. S. Open Tournament
received too late for reproduction
in this issue.



Photo: Rebman
Players in the 2nd U. S. National Junior Tournament at Cleveland celebrate the gala occasion with a banquet.



Photo: Billy Davis
Courtesy: Louisville Courier-Journal
A ROYAL SET FOR A ROYAL GAME
Dr. Harry Hazlrigg (right) indulges in a game with his son, W. B. Hazlrigg, using the carved chess set said to be a gift from Empress Eugenie.

A ROYAL GAME! EMPERRESS EUGENIE GAVE THE SET

According to a story in the June 22 Magazine section of the Louisville Courier-Journal by Paul Hughes, when Dr. Harry Hazlrigg of Louisville takes out his chess set, he is playing with pieces which are said to be the gift of Empress Eugenie.

The set belonged, according to the story, to a Frenchman, L. F. Metzger, who came to America when he found his love affair with the young Eugenie frustrated by the difference in their social positions. The set was her parting gift to him. Tradition places the date of this lover's parting in the 1850's before Eugenie, daughter of the Count of Teba, met and captured the heart and hand of Louis Napoleon, Emperor of France.

In America Metzger was married in St. Louis and then divorced. Shortly thereafter he joined the Union Army in the Civil War. When mustered out of service, he wooed and married in 1882 Mary Belle Filson, niece of the Kentucky historian John Filson. Metzger died in 1887, and his widow married W. A. Hazlrigg. Their son is Dr. Hazlrigg, the present owner of the chessmen.

IMROMPTU SIMUL BY SANTASIERE

Stopping at Knoxville on his way to the New York State Meet at Endicott, Santasiere gave an impromptu nine-board simultaneous against Tennessee's best, winning five and drawing four. Draws went to Robert Coveyou, Lawrence Noderer, Martin Southern and the visiting Richard Harrell, city champion of Ft. Worth.

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CHESS LIFE BEGINS IN 46

WITH this issue of September 5, 1947, CHESS LIFE begins its second year of service to the American Chess Player. We do not feel that this occasion requires any special fanfare of trumpets (although the mortality rate of new publications is extremely high in the first year of existence), for there was never any doubt in the minds of USCF Officials and USCF Directors but that CHESS LIFE served so definite a need its advent would be greeted with enthusiastic support.

Neither do we feel it necessary to remind our readers (as is the frequent custom) of what CHESS LIFE has reported and accomplished in the first year of its existence. Such retrospective musings tend to engender a dangerous sense of complacency; and CHESS LIFE is not content to rest upon its record in the past, but is resolved to better in the future its achievements in reporting chess news and events in these United States.

It was and is our high resolve in CHESS LIFE to further that sense of harmony and unity in purpose which in an organizational sense was achieved in 1939 by the amalgamation of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation into the all-embracing United States Chess Federation. For it is only by a unity of purpose and a harmony in endeavor that Chess in America can attain its full growth and achieve the potential goals that lie before it.

If an occasional faint discord is heard in this harmony, let no one be alarmed, for the dissonance that resolves into a final consonance is only a part of the thematic material of the song of life; and no resolve has ever been accomplished without the minor rumblings of dissent and criticism. These are only the healthy signs of growth and progress, for it would be a sad and tedious world in which all minds came to an instant agreement on all matters of taste and procedure.

That much of note has been accomplished during these past twelve months to further the cause of chess in these United States is a matter of record, and a record that is uniformly pleasing to the USCF, CHESS LIFE and the American Chess Player. But it must be remembered that the future holds even greater possibilities for achievement and progress.

The birth of many new State Organizations holds promise of an increased activity, but we must not rest until every State and Territory has its own alert and progressive organization for chess. The growth in new chess clubs is also impressive, but we must not remain content as long as large groups of potential chess players remain unorganized and scattered in localities where other chess clubs are possible to bring unity and renewed interest. Chess Columns in the various newspapers have increased and the general reporting of chess in the press has attained a new high, but we cannot be satisfied until a chess column is a recognized element of every important newspaper in the country. "Chess for the Veterans" is a project that has reached into many hospitals to bring welcome relaxation and new interest to invalid veterans, but there is still a vast backlog of work to make chess a part of the program for every interested veteran in every VA Hospital. The playgrounds are recognizing the benefits of chess in their youth programs; every day brings news of a new enterprise in playground chess, but too many playground and recreational boards are still unaware of the great value of chess to playground activity.

These and many other potential fields for chess demand a fuller exploitation. Their development is a most important part of the program of the USCF and CHESS LIFE. But in a greater sense they remain the problem of the individual chess player. CHESS LIFE can offer its encouragement through news and pictures of these various activities; the USCF can offer leadership and advice—but the creation of each new chess project in a community rests in the final analysis upon the enterprise and activity of the local chess players. CHESS LIFE believes implicitly that they will be equal to the task of making chess a more important part of their own communities.

In that belief CHESS LIFE looks forward eagerly to a happy and eventful second year of enterprise with full confidence in the glorious future of American Chess.

Montgomery Major

Guest Editorial

THOUGHTS ON AMERICAN CHESS

By Hermann Helms
Editor, American Chess Bulletin

I INVITED to contribute a guest editorial to CHESS LIFE by my good friend Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. of Chicago, president of the United States Chess Federation, I assume that I am at liberty to choose any subject I like so long as it pertains to the game which, after more than half a century of service, has honored me with the title of "Dean."

Naturally, the temptation is strong to indulge in a recital of reminiscences, but these belong properly to another occasion. No doubt, before I close, a personal experience may be dragged in, but in the main I shall resist the urge.

As I am seated at my machine (most of my reports are dictated, but "guest" writing is a serious matter), my mind is much preoccupied with the younger generation of players, at whose achievements, duly reported to my press clients, I cannot help but marvel. Before me is a copy of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin for July 21. It is by no means the first one of that progressive specimen of the many able club organs throughout the country which has pleased my roving eye. Therein I find a very full and painstaking report, including all the necessary tables and useful information, of the second annual tournament for the national junior championship held in Cleveland from June 30 to July 14. It is my intention to draw heavily upon its contents for an early issue of the American Chess Bulletin.

Before proceeding, I wish to take off my hat, figuratively, not only to the officers of the national governing body and the local officials in Cleveland, with whom they collaborated so successfully, but also to the editors of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin and the progressive individuals and clubs supporting it. There can be no backward step for chess in this country so long as such wide awake publications can command sufficient respect and support to enable them to survive and thrive.

Returning to the young ones and their performances, it seems that Larry Friedman of Cleveland, who successfully defended the title he gained in Chicago during 1946, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that he deserves to be rated as in the very front rank of players of his age in this country. New York City was strongly represented at Cleveland and more than one confidently fancied his chances as possible successor to Friedman, but it was not to be. Let no one run away with the idea that the talented title-holder did not have opposition of the highest type in his class. Since the close of that tournament, after which Larry Evans of New York gained the national junior speed championship, more than one of Friedman's rivals have done noteworthy things.

Two instances come to mind. Walter Shipman, with a score of 4½, is leading in the current junior championship tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club, wherein the redoubtable Byrne brothers, Robert and Donald, are taking part. Only yesterday, I played through the score of a game lost by Shipman—to Donald Byrne—and again I am moved to say that I marvel at the sound and imaginative play of which these clever boys are capable. The complete score has already appeared in the New York Sun, which latterly has been devoting considerable space to reports of chess activities in its daily issues. (Of newspapers within the Metropolitan area of New York City, which take a friendly attitude toward chess, the New York Times, Brooklyn Eagle and New York Post also deserve mention.)

On the day this is written there comes from Corpus Christi, Texas, the scene of the annual tournament for the open championship of the United States, a report that Larry Evans, in the second round, defeated no less an opponent than Abe Yanofsky of Winnipeg, champion of the Dominion of Canada. Yanofsky is back from Europe with an enviable record, which included a well-played game with Botvinnik at Groningen, which Botvinnik lost. Am I assuming too much when I express the belief that Larry Friedman's chest will rise with honest pride when he hears of this?

And now for a reminiscence before I close. The Victorian age is pleasant to look back upon. At seventeen I acquired knowledge of the moves of the game during the Queen's Jubilee celebration at Halifax, N.S., birthplace of my lamented brother. For several years I remained a "duffer." It was in 1894 that William E. Napier, then 13, came from Maine to Brooklyn. Three years later, he supplanted me as champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club and about that time won a game from Steinitz at a meeting of the N.Y. State Chess Association. That was doing fairly well for a lad of sixteen. I recall how elderly officials of the famous Brooklyn organization were loath for a time to admit Napier to membership because of his tender years! Times have changed and we are now in the atomic age and need no longer be surprised.

What I have said in relation to the Cleveland Chess Bulletin applies even more forcibly to CHESS LIFE, its able editor and the farseeing officers of the National body, upon whose support he can depend. With many happy returns of the day, I salute it and wish it continued success.

¶ The views expressed in a Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

CORPUS CHRISTI RETROSPECT

(Monthly Letter No. 45)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE 48th Open Championship Tournament of the U. S. Chess Federation recently concluded at Corpus Christi established a number of records. In size, its 86 entrants made it the largest national tournament ever held in this country. With the champions of Canada, Colombia, Cuba and Puerto Rico among the participants, the tourney set a new high in that respect. And for quality of play, it ranked with the best.

But mention of these points does not begin to tell the full story of the 48th Open. Of even greater significance is the fact that it was truly national in character. Players came from the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic; from Washington in the Northwest and Florida in the Southeast; from New England, the Middle-West, the Mississippi Valley and the Southwest, including the host State of Texas which contributed 33 players to an entry list that did not stop growing until the first round of play began.

In addition to an imposing array of players entering from the United States, 12 players represented the neighboring countries of Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia and New Zealand.

Of more than passing interest is the fact that among the contestants were a pair of brothers and two father and son combinations, one of which included two members of the second generation. Any thought that chess is not a social game fades into proper obscurity in the face of this proof that it is one for the entire family.

The play was well managed by the seemingly tireless George Koltanowski as Tournament Director. The task of arranging pairings for 86 players, keeping colors straight, handling game scores and keeping track of adjournments was sufficient to wear out any ordinary mortal, but the blindfold expert proved that his talents take many forms.

No account of the 48th Open could be complete without a word of praise for the Tournament Committee. Those who have served in that capacity in other years can best appreciate the intense amount of effort which goes into the preparation for a national tourney. And this, the largest of all, required much extra effort to take care of the galaxy which made Corpus Christi the cynosure of chess for two continents. The Tournament Committee merit the respect of every chess player for the splendid services which they rendered in the conduct of this event.

Who's Who In American Chess

Hermann Helms

"Dean of American Chess" was the title bestowed deservedly upon Hermann Helms by the late George Sturgis of Boston, then president of the United States Chess Federation, at a banquet in Syracuse, 1943.

But this title when conferred was merely a more formal recognition of a fact that had long been conceded, that for half a century Herman Helms had been the outstanding personality in the publicizing and popularizing of the game in America.

Photo: Bachrach
Hermann Helms
Founder, publisher and editor of the American Chess Bulletin (first issued in 1904), Helms for many years was the sole voice of chess in America until his untiring efforts in popularizing the game created that great public of chess readers who now support in growing numbers other chess publications in addition to Hermann Helms' own sturdy magazine, now in its forty-fourth year.

Apart from the American Chess Bulletin, Helms with tireless zest has created columns in the Brooklyn Eagle and the New York Sun which are read not only in his own New York City but throughout the country.

Noted in his younger days as a player of great strength, Helms has not for many years participated in tournament chess. But his step is just as sprightly, his eye as keen and his moves as unerring in these latter years; and the grueling test of presenting simultaneous exhibition still finds him tireless and deadly where many a younger man grows weary.

As a tournament director he has few peers, and the USCF has been fortunate in the number of occasions he has generously officiated as director while organizing adequate press coverage of the event in addition to his tournament duties.

Space is too short to do justice to the achievements of Hermann Helms in the cause of American Chess, and this brief appreciation merely indicates a few outstanding highlights, about each of which a complete article could be written. The USCF feels itself honored by the fact that for many years it has counted Hermann Helms among the most active and productive members of its Board of Directors.

Anthony E. Santasiere

A man of many varied talents, Anthony E. Santasiere is most widely known for only one of several accomplishments—the ability to write about and play chess with a charming style all his own. But those who know Tony best appreciate his gift at the piano and the fluent expression of his poetry quite as highly as his vigor at the chess board.

By vocation a member of the teaching profession, Tony is as widely known in chess circles for the acute and quaint vigor of the annotations he has contributed for many years to the American Chess Bulletin as for his own gift in moving the pieces over the board. He is also becoming widely known for his determined and witty advocacy of an

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A. E. Santasiere

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

I've never seen a purple cow,
Pink elephants, or such;
But some chess games I've seen ere now
Don't yield the D.T.'s much.

—The Woodpusher's Anthology

REMEMBERING the knightly tales of chess (of which the poet Chaucer wrote), it seems rather strange that heraldry furnishes so few examples of chessmen used as charges. Perhaps the College of Heralds is an unimaginative school, devoted to the traditional lions rampant and wolves' heads erased, or more logically, their patrons have been unable to pioneer in new fields. But only occasionally does the armorial bearing of a family transcend the conventional. We have in the Herschel arms a reflecting telescope and the astronomical symbol of Uranus to commemorate that great astronomer's discovery; but this is an exception.

Single towers with battlements are common enough from Abingdon through Fingall, Plunket and Verdin; but these are not representations of the rook, since rather the rook took its pattern from the castle tower.

There are, however, several coats of arms in English heraldry (as presented by Burke's Peerage) which use chessman as a charge.

Bunbury of Stanley Hall has: Argent on a bend, sable, three chess rooks of the field—to quote Burke's reading of the arms. Bunbury of Castle Hall has: 1st and 3rd quarters, ermine, a chess rook between two leopards' faces in bend, between two bendlets, sable.

Rathdonnel (a Bunbury connection) has: 1st and 4th quarters, argent, on a bend, sable, three chess rooks of the field. Carmichael has: 2nd and 3rd quarter, azure, a cup, argent, flames issuing therefrom, purpure, between two chess rooks, or, within a bordure, gold.

These four examples are the only ones displaying a chess charge that a hasty scanning of Burke's mammoth reference book reveals. Nor does Burke yield a clue as to why the families of Bunbury and Carmichael-Smyth resolved to emblazon their devotion to the royal game upon their coats of arms.

In passing, it is interesting to note that, figuratively at least, the chess rooks served in battle, for a distinguished member of the Carmichael family was Major-General Sir James Carmichael-Smyth, Commanding Engineer of the Allied Armies of 1815 and on the personal staff of Wellington at Quatre Bras and Waterloo.



William Rojam

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

MODERN CHESS OPENINGS Revised by Walter A. Korn; David McKay (\$5.00)

Replete with new features, that book is here again. It's Modern Chess Openings in its Seventh Edition, now being distributed by David McKay, Philadelphia, at \$5; a slight increase to cover the larger size of the 1300-standard line plus thousands of variations, volume.

MCO was this time turned out in England with Walter A. Korn, "British Chess Magazine" opening specialist as reviser. The standard team of P. W. Sergeant (replacing White) and R. C. Griffith, are, of course, the editors.

One of the new features of the book is the inclusion of modern Russian chess, which often has seemed a field unto itself. Fact is, all important tournament discoveries and keen analytical finds from 1939 to 1945 have been included.

Many of the little-used lines remain unchanged but are retained in the full. Many additions and some complete revision have been worked, however, on such popular openings as the Ruy, Queen's Pawn Game and Gambit; and the French, Sicilian and Caro-Kann Defenses.

A happy innovation is the inclusion of diagrams. This allows the player to study many variations without running up the well-known and well-worked opening few moves. It even allows the reader to study by way of the blindfold system as he rides to work on his computers' train. The diagrams pick up after a move or two of the new line, giving a good view of the changes and their power.

Many of the additions have been included in the notes to each column, rather than rewriting the entire line. Thus the seeker after "busts" or unusual but strong attacks, should play over the notes, an effort which the diagrams make much more attractive than in previous years.

Printed on heavier paper, the 390-page book retains the same height and width, but is much thicker than the previous edition. Griffith adds the saddening, and we hope untrue, note that this may well be his last MCO, explaining he is truly amazed at the way in which the book has grown since he and White turned out the first edition. He should be, for the text is a very full thing indeed.

ELMIRA JUNIORS BEST BINGHAMTON ON FOUR BOARDS

On August 23 the Binghamton Chess Club bowed in defeat to the Elmira Chess Club at Elmira (N.Y.) by a score of 6-2. Victors for Elmira in the match were all junior chess players, including two who were in the Junior Tourney at Cleveland.

Elmira Chess Binghamton Chess
A. Piper 1 W. Hall 0
E. Kilmer 1 C. More 0
L. W. Davis 0 H. Evans 2
H. B. Hart 0 H. Derbyshire 1
R. Fitzgerald 1 R. Thurston 0
T. Piper 1 E. Rickerson 0

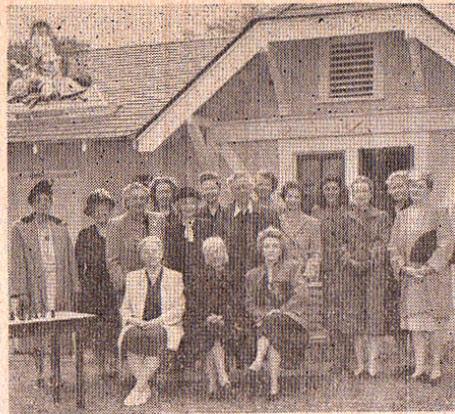
Elmira 4 Binghamton 2
Leslie E. Kilmer, Elmira junior, defeated R. Fitzgerald of Elmira by a score of 4-1 to retain the blindfold chess championship of Chemung County where junior chess in all its phases has become a popular feature.

TELEVISION EYES CHESS MATCHES FOR PROGRAM

In the Los Angeles Athletic Club "Mercury" for June David M. Crandell, Director of Television Programs for the Los Angeles Times, views the future of chess in television programs.

Admitting that one chess game is too static for good television material, Crandell expresses belief that a blindfold simultaneous by Koltanowski or a living chess game with costumed live chess pieces would provide the necessary action and color to create a vivid television program.

CHESS LIFE awaits with interest the date when Mr. Crandell puts his interesting theories to practice, and hopes the date is soon.



WOMEN PLAY CHESS AT ST. PETERSBURG CHESS CLUB

Seated (left to right), Dr. Elizabeth R. Miner, Grace J. M. Cook, Marie Caldwell. Standing, Mrs. L. O. Gross, Mrs. Henriette Pearson, Mrs. Chas. Spicchandler, Madeline Cassidy, Mrs. R. C. Wadsworth, Mrs. E. B. Rhodes, Dr. A. B. Ferguson, Mrs. W. E. Bauer, Else Binetsch, Mrs. Mildred Thomis, Mrs. Peral Keating, Louise Holmquist, Mrs. D. Watson.

NO. NEW JERSEY BEATS PHILA'S CITY CHAMPIONS

In the first invasion of North New Jersey soil on August 9 by the visitors in the Philadelphia Club Tournament, the invaders were staunchly repelled by the sturdy Log Cabin Chess Club at West Orange (N.J.) by a score of 7½-2½.

The invading team from the Mercantile Library Chess Club (minus DiCamillo, Ruth, and Levin) faced a Log Cabin team (minus Meisel and Knorr) in the battle staged at the home of E. Forry Laucks, with Secretary Robert Durkin of the N.J. States Chess Federation acting as referee. At 2:30 A.M. the last shot was fired when N.J. State Champion Kowalski finally mastered former Penn. State Champion Harry Morris on board one. But it is rumored that the post-mortems lasted far into the morning hours. A return engagement is scheduled for September 20.

Log Cabin	Mercantile Library
S. Kowalski 1	H. Morris 0
E. S. Jackson, Jr. 1	A. Stearn 1
A. Rothman 3	D. Blizard 3
C. Parmalee 1	E. Dreher 0
F. Howard 1	A. Sklaroff 3
A. Ambrogi 1	S. Wachs 0
S. Thebin 0	C. Rhems 1
H. Jones 1	L. Rosenfield 0
K. Kozma 1	D. Shain 0
R. Badertscher 1	D. Neff 0
Log Cabin 7½	Mercantile 2½

DEEP RIVER WINS FROM TRAVELING GERMANTOWN "Y"

Not content with local opposition the Germantown (Pa.) YMCA Chess Club went far afield to meet a surprise defeat at the hands of the Deep River (Conn.) Chess Club by a score of 4½-1½. The match was played July 26 at the summer estate of E. Forry Laucks at Old Lyme, Conn. A return watch is planned.

Deep River	Germantown
S. Wysotski 1	C. C. French 0
J. Hazuka 1	W. Hall 0
G. Huzuka 0	S. Wachs 1
Dr. L. Cash ½	H. Ferris 0
B. Chapman 1	H. Jesser 0
L. Benjamin 1	E. Laucks 0
Deep River 4½	Germantown 1½

CHESS HAS NO HUMOR?—WHO TRUN DAT BRICK?

From the May 15 issue of the Pawnshop (Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club) we quote the final answer to the slander that chess players have no sense of humor:

"O. M. Oulman, who has been president of the club for many years, is quite a dangerous opponent. He ALWAYS opens 1. P-Q4—NEVER anything else, and he wins quite regularly, too! Thus it happened in a recent club tournament that he was leading and had to play his last game, with the White pieces and against C. R. Klock. He sat down, ready to make his first move in this important game . . . Conternation! He couldn't make his first move! His opponent had glued the QP onto the board!!"

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It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lorn on History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: What is the accepted relation between diameter of base of King and width of square?

In other words, how much larger should the squares be than the largest piece? The regulation checkerboard is 14" square. What is the size of the regulation chessboard?

Answer: Chess sets are scaled upon the height of the King, which varies. Popular sizes range from 2½" to 3" Kings. The latter size is usually accepted as the "Club" size, although one manufacturer now plans a set with 5" King. There is no stipulated size of chessboard for any of these sets; but the manufacturers have certain recommendations, based upon long experience. They recommend that chess sets whose Kings have a base diameter of 1 5-16" be used on boards with squares of 1 7-8" to 2 1-8" in size. The same ratio should be observed with sets of larger or smaller base diameter.

Who's Who

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early advance of the QKTP in a variation of the Queen's Pawn Game which is rapidly becoming famous as "Santasiere's Folly."

His own brilliant exposition of this opening variation has been one of the most readable and fascinating features in recent issues of the CCLA Chess Correspondent.

As a player, Tony Santasiere has an enviable record of success, particularly in the recent years. In 1945 he placed second to Weaver Adams in the Ventnor City Invitation Tournament, and then won the 1945 U.S. Open Championship at Peoria. Off form in the 1946 Open at Pittsburgh, Tony did not place in the upper bracket, but silenced critics when he bounded back in the 1946 U.S. Championship at New York to place third behind Reshevsky and Kashdan, drawing his games with the two leaders.

In the 1947 Ventnor Open Tournament, Tony avenged his loss of the 1945 Ventnor title by winning the tournament, this time ahead of Weaver Adams. And as this issue goes to press his further exploits in chess are indicated by the news that he has placed in a tie with Yanofsky for second place behind Kashdan in the 1947 U.S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Regarding article in CHESS LIFE of June 20th about playing correspondence chess with disabled veterans, this is a fine idea and will be very successful if all who can will play at least one veteran. This is the least we can do for those who gave so much.

It has also occurred to me, should we beat them—if we can—or pull our punches?

I expect, however, regardless of the outcome the game is the thing, and the opportunity this would afford them of contact with the outside world. Better than medicine, perhaps.

D. J. GRAY
Denver, Colo.

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FRENCH DEFENSE
U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
O. ULVESTAD R. G. WADE
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. P-K5 P-QB4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Pxp
This gives Black no difficulty. 4. P-QB3 is usually played.

4. Kt1-QB3
If 4. BxP; 5. Q-Kt4.
5. Kt-KB3 BxP 6. B-Q3 Kt-K2
6. P-B4 is better here.
7. KB4 Q-K3 8. O-O Kt-K3

A certain chess player is said to have willed his fortune to his son on condition the latter would never capture the QKtP. It is barely possible that Black could capture it here and survive.

9. B-K1 B-Q2 11. R-K1

10. QKt-Q2 B-K2

Nimzovitch's principle of over-protection applies here. By protecting the KP three times, White is free to move either R or B or R away, whichever proves more convenient.

11. Kt-K5 B-K5 13. B-P3 Kt-R3

12. B-B1 P-Q1 14. Q-B1 P-R4

Black will have cause to regret this later. He weakens his own K-side while the attack obtained is negligible. Also the KRP will need protection.

15. Kt-K3 B-QK4 19. B-K3 KtxKt

16. P-KR3 BxP 20. PxKt B-B4

17. RxP B-K1 21. BxP RxB

18. B-B4 Kt-B4 22. Q-K3 P-R3

22. 0-O would lose a P by 23. P-QK4.

R moves; 24. RxP. Furthermore, the KRP will be difficult to defend for long.

23. Kt-Q4 R-KR4 28. P-B4 Pxp

24. P-KB4 Kt-K2 29. Pxp Q-B4

25. K-R2 P-Kt3 30. Q-Q3 Q-B2

26. R-R4 R-R4 31. Kt-B3 Kt-B3

27. RxR QxR 32. R-Q1

White's game is better on three counts: 1) superior R position, 2) stronger P position in the center, 3) safer K position. Black will now attempt to overcome all three disadvantages with a resourceful move. Had White seen its strength he would have played 32. Q-K4.

32. P-KK4! 33. Q-K4

If 33. KtxKtP, KtxP! If White had played 32. Q-K2, then the reply 33. P-B5 would be possible here.

33. Pxp 36. Q-R2 Q-B4

34. QxP KtxP 37. KtxP

35. K-R1 R-B4

Were it not for this weak RP falling, Black would now be a P ahead. At any rate his excellent 33rd move has given him a far better position.

37. R-R4

It seems too bad that Black cannot make a more aggressive move here. Surely 37. R-R7? 38. Q-K1, P-Kt3! would be stronger. Not 37. Kt-Q6?; 38. Q-K8 ch.

38. Q-K3 Kt-Q2

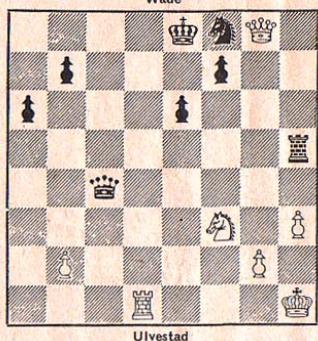
39. Kt-B3 seems better. Not 38. KtxP; 39. Q-Kt8 ch., Q-B1 (if 39. K-K2;

KtxP; 39. Q-Kt8 ch., Q-B1 (if 39. K-K2;

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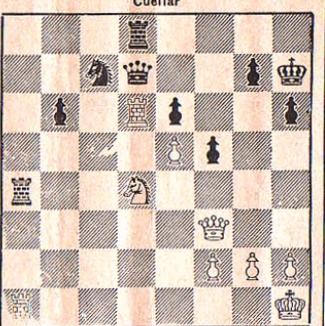
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40. Q-Q8 mate); 40. R-Q8 ch.
39. Q-Kt8 ch. Kt-B1 40. Kt-B3 QxP
After 40. QxP
Wade



White continues to find points to attack. He threatens 31. BxP, KtxB; 32. QxKt.
30. Kt-K7 33. R-QB1 Q-Q2
31. Kt-K5 KtxB 34. R-B6 Kt-B3
32. KtxKt Q-B1 35. R-Q6 RxP

After 35. RxP



Cuelar

Overlooking White's beautiful reply. Perhaps the time clock was pressing Black. A hard game.

41. R-Q8 ch. Resigns

SLAV DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
G. KRAMER M. G. CUELLAR

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 9. Q-K2 Kt-K5
2. P-QB4 P-QB3 10. B-Q3 BxKt
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 11. PxKt KtxP
4. Kt-B3 Pxp 12. B-Q2 Kt-Q4

5. P-Q4 P-K3 13. Q-KB3 Kt-R3
6. BxP P-K3 14. B-R3 R-K1
7. BxP P-K15 15. Kt-K1
8. O-O 0-0

So far the game has followed Euwe-Alekhine, 17th Match Game, 1937. But here White plays 15. QR-Kt1. Analysts consider that White has adequate positional compensation for the P.

15. P-B1 18. Kt-Q2 P-QK3
16. P-K4 Kt-K2 19. Kt-K4 Q-R3
17. P-K5 Kt-Q4 20. Q-B2 P-QB4

Black decides to return the P for a measure of freedom.

21. Pxp Kt-QB3 22. Pxp and 21. Kt-Q5
22. KtxKp; 23. P-Kt and 24. B-Q5

23. Q-Q2 Kt-K7ch. 25. Kt5-P-KR3

24. K-R1 Pxp

The threat was 26. Kt-B6 ch.

26. Q-K4 K-R2 28. Q-B3 KR-Q1

27. Kt-Q6 P-KB4
And now White intended 29. KtxP.

29. B-K2 Kt(K7)-B5 30. B-Q4

This neat looking move appears to give Black good counter chances. Actually it sets up an even neater combination for White. But if 35. QxP; 36. KtxBP!

36. R-Q1 Q-K1 40. QxP ch. K-K1
37. RxP QxR 41. P-KK4 R-R8 ch.
38. KtxKP KtxKt 42. K-K2 R-K8
39. RxQ KtxR 43. Q-Q7 Resigns

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White Black
R. POTTER A. SANTASIERE

1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 4. P-Q4 P-Q3
2. P-K5 Kt-Q4 5. P-B4

3. P-QB4 Kt-K3

This line has been found to yield White no advantage. 5. Kt-KB3 is better.

5. Pxp 7. Kt-KB3 B-Kt5
6. BxP Kt-B3 8. B-K3

The sacrifice S-P-K6 has been tried here with about equal chances.

8. P-K3 10. O-O Q-Q2
9. B-K2 B-K2 11. Kt-Q2

If 11. Kt-B3, O-O-O; 12. P-B5 (the threat was 12. BxKt and 13. KtxQp). White should not try 12. Kt-Kt6 because of 12. KtxBP). Kt-Q4 with equality.

11. P-B5 13. QxQ Kt-K5
12. P-QR3 P-QR4 16. P-Q5 KPxP

13. Q-K3 P-B3 17. BxPp

14. Q-K3 B-B4

Up to this point White (as well as Black) has handled the game well. Here 17. KPxP

is correct.

17. Kt-B2 18. Kt-Q2 Kt-B5
19. Kt-K5 B-K2 20. BxP

21. BxP BxP 22. Kt-Q2

23. Kt-B3 B-K2 24. Kt-K1

25. Kt-K5 B-K2 26. Kt-Q2

27. Kt-B3 B-K2 28. Kt-K1

29. Kt-K5 B-K2 30. Kt-Q2

31. Kt-B3 B-K2 32. Kt-K1

33. Q-Q2 B-K2 34. Kt-Q2

35. Q-Q2 B-K2 36. Kt-K1

37. Kt-B3 B-K2 38. Kt-K1

39. Kt-K5 B-K2 40. Kt-Q2

41. Kt-B3 B-K2 42. Kt-K1

43. Kt-K5 B-K2 44. Kt-Q2

45. Kt-B3 B-K2 46. Kt-K1

There was no way to stop K-Kt6, followed by

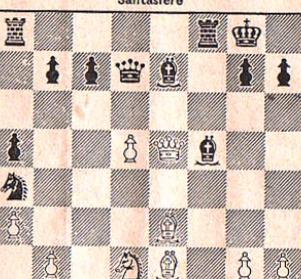
45. Q-R8 ch. K-R2 46. P-Kt6 mate

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was an important interpolation.
19. KtxP
P-Kt

White had evidently counted on this to regain his P. Actually it loses by force as Black's suddenly cooperate beautifully to cover all the crucial squares. White would have some chances with 19. Kt-B4.

After 19. QxP
Santasiere



Potter

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White Black
J. EARNST C. HOOVER

1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-KB3 P-Q3
2. P-K3 Kt-B3

Black can recover his P by 23. BxP; 24. RxB, B-R1 (not 24. B-K3; 25. Q-B3 and Black is lost since he cannot play P-B3), but Black's position is not good.

24. PxP P-Kt 25. RxP

Much to be preferred was 8. P-K5; 9. Q-Q7? B-B4. The pinned Kt on the open file will be very embarrassing to Black.

10. P-Q5 P-Q5 11. Kt-K1

11. KtxP; 12. QxKt wins.

12. Q-Q4 Q-Kt2 13. B-Q2?

It is interesting to speculate on whether the Q was lost or sacrificed here.

13. B-B4 15. BxP Kt-B3

Black's position is most difficult despite his material plus. However, 15. P-B3 would give Black a stronger defensive position.

16. Kt-K15 P-B3

Notes by Richard Harrill

White Black
R. HARRELL K. SMITH

1. P-K4 P-K4 7. B-K1 P-Q4

2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 8. Pxp B-K3

3. B-K5 P-QR3 9. P-B3

4. B-R4 Kt-B3 10. Q-K2 Kt-Kt1

5. P-Q4 Kt-K4 11. BxP

Superficially more in keeping with Black's strategy of advancing the QP than is the book. 11. Kt-K4. But it violates too many general principles. A two-moved piece is traded for one which has moved only once and a new White piece is developed. Black does not get his Q-side P going, but White's attack is just one step ahead.

12. BxKt Kt-K4 13. Kt-Q4

13. B-B2 is possibly better, but the Black P looks awfully fearsome.

13. KtxB

After 13. P-B3; 14. KtxB, PxKt; 15. B-B2 Black's K-side looks very bare—but between that and a win there is a wide gap.

14. KtxKt P-QB4 15. P-KB4 Q-Kt3?

15. Q-K2 and 16. P-KB4 is far superior. After the text White's attack becomes terrifically strong. The discovered check threatened holds no danger for White.

16. B-Q2 17. R-B3

17. Q-Kt4 is premature—it is more logical to develop the R's.

To prevent 19. P-B6; 19. R-R3 P-Q6

Desperation; there is no way of bracing himself.

20. Q-R5 P-R3 23. BxP KxR

21. P-K6 Pxp 24. Q-R7 ch. Resigns

22. BxP Pxp 25. Kt-K1

26. Q-Kt2 mate

Notes by Richard Harrill

White Black
R. HARRELL K. SMITH

1. P-K4 P-K4 7. B-K1 P-Q4

2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 8. Pxp B-K3

3. B-K5 P-QR3 9. P-B3

4. B-R4 Kt-B3 10. Q-K2

5. P-Q4 Kt-K4 11. BxP

6. Kt-K4 P-QB4 12. Kt-K1

7. Kt-B3 P-KB3 13. Kt-Q2

8. Kt-K4 P-QB4 14. Kt-Q2

9. Kt-B3 P-KB3 15. Kt-Q2

10. Kt-K4 P-QB4 16. Kt-Q2

11. Kt-B3 P-KB3 17. Kt-Q2

12. Kt-K4 P-QB4 18. Kt-Q2

13. Kt-B3 P-KB3 19. Kt-Q2

20. Kt-K4 P-QB4 21. Kt-Q2

22. Kt-B3 P-KB3 23. Kt-Q2

24. Kt-K4 P-QB4 25. Kt-Q2

26. Kt-B3 P-KB3 27. Kt-Q2

28. Kt-K4 P-QB4 29. Kt-Q2

30. Kt-B3 P-KB3 31. Kt-Q2

32. Kt-K4 P-QB4 33. Kt-Q2

34. Kt-B3 P-KB3 35. Kt-Q2

36. Kt-K4 P-QB4 37. Kt-Q2

38. Kt-B3 P-KB3 39. Kt-Q2

40. Kt-K4 P-QB4 41. Kt-Q2

42. Kt-B3 P-KB3 43. Kt-Q2

44. Kt-K4 P-QB4 45. Kt-Q2

46. Kt-B3 P-KB3 47. Kt-Q2

48. Kt-K4 P-QB4 49. Kt-Q2

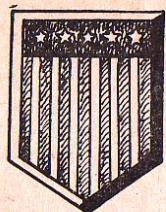
50. Kt-B3 P-KB3 51. Kt-Q2

52. Kt-K4 P-QB4 53. Kt-Q2

54. Kt-B3 P-KB3 55. Kt-Q2

56. Kt-K4 P-QB4 57. Kt-Q2

58. Kt-B3 P-KB3 59. Kt-Q2



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Important Decisions Taken

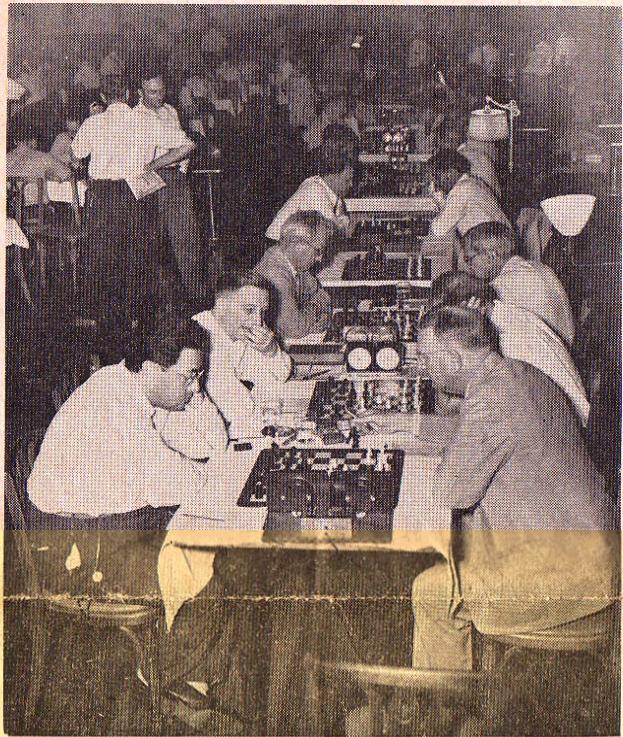


Photo: Carl Graf

At the U. S. Open, Dr. Bela Rozsa (left) faces L. Lanier in the first round, while Dr. Edward Lasker takes time out from his own game to kibitz.

SOME WORK AND OTHERS PLAY AT 48th U. S. OPEN TOURNEY

USCF Transacts Important Business In Annual Meeting At Corpus Christi

The Annual Business Meeting of the United States Chess Federation and the Directors Meeting at Corpus Christi during the course of the USCF Open Tournament was productive of many important decisions and plans for the future of American Chess.

Among the more important actions of the meeting was an amendment to the By-Laws permitting the admission of all United States Territories to an equal footing with the various States and qualifying them to elect Directors in proportion to their membership. A by-product of this far-reaching amendment will be to qualify players from the various Territories to compete in the next U. S. Championship Tournament.

Other important matters under discussion included the report of the Championship Tournament Committee by Chairman Richard Wayne which presented the fruit of long hours of study by the committee in considering various possibilities and in reviewing various suggestions and opinions submitted by the membership in answer to President Wagner's request for a general discussion of the problem (Chess Life, March 20).

This report is now being submitted to all the Directors by mail for further consideration, and its details will be published and discussed in an early issue of CHESS LIFE.

A third important measure was the appointment of Arpad Elo of

Milwaukee to head the Committee on the Rating of Tournament Players as Chairman, replacing Kenneth Harkness in the post. The report of this committee will be released in CHESS LIFE some time in the near future as Mr. Elo plans immediate action by his committee.

Results of the election of officers, conducted this year by a mail ballot according to an amendment passed at the Pittsburgh annual meeting, resulted in the re-election of all officers, with Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. (Chicago) president; William M. Byland (Pittsburgh), George E. Roosevelt (New York), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles), J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie), and N. P. Wigginton (Washington) vice-presidents; and Edward I. Treend (Detroit) secretary. Paul G. Giers (Syracuse) was reappointed treasurer, and his office of Executive Vice-President was not up for ballot this year, while Maurice S. Kuhns (Chicago) holds permanent title of president emeritus.

The election of Directors by the States and Territories saw the inclusion of several new faces. The results were: Alabama: J. T. Jackson; Arizona: Walter S. Irvin; Arkansas: Rev. George G. Walker; California: Robert Ferer, J. B. Gee, George Koltanowski, Dr. Ralph Kuhns, Dr. Edward Kupka, H. J. Ralston, M. J. Royer, and Rev. Donald G. Weston; Colorado: Virgil Harris; Connecticut: Dr. I. M. Kingbury and Norman T. Reinsch; Delaware: Samuel A. Collins; District of Columbia: Oscar Shapiro and I. S. Turow; Florida: Mrs. Mary Bain; Idaho: Mel Schubert; Illinois: Edwin N. Asmann, Samuel Factor, Lucius A. Fritze, Arthur A. Hartwig, Lewis J. Isaacs and Montgomery Major; Indiana: Judge Bertram C. Jenkins; Iowa: Kenneth F. Schumann; Kansas: Bert Brice-Nash; Kentucky: Merrill Dowden; Louisiana: Newton Grant and J. S. Noel; Maine: Dr. J. Melnick; Maryland: George Lapoint and Ira Lovett; Massachusetts: Weaver W. Adams, W. M. P. Mitchell and Norman Ward; Michigan: Reuben Buskager, Frank A. Hollway, Harold H. Jones, Virgil E. Vandenburg and James R. Watson; Minnesota: George S. Barnes and Orin M. Oulman; Missouri: Frederic Anderson and H. M. Wesenberg; Montana: John H. Gilbert; Nebraska: Alfred C. Ludwig; New Hampshire:

PINKUS TOPS NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the annual strong New York State Championship Tournament at the beautiful grounds of the I. B. M. Country Club in Endicott, August 30 to September 7, A. S. Pinkus of New York City placed first with a score of 6½-1½ in the eight round Swiss tourney. Second place was a mad scramble, with seven players tying on a won and lost basis. By a Sonneborn-Berger percentage George Kramer (New York City) 1945 champion, was declared second; J. F. Donovan (New York City) third; Erich W. Marchand (Rochester) fourth; while Dr. Mengarini (New York City), M. Siegel (Buffalo), J. Soudakoff (New York City) and George Shainswit (New York City) remained in a tie for fifth. F. R. Anderson, Toronto Champion, and J. W. Collins (New York City) tied for eighth. Surprise of the tournament was the poor showing of defending champion Anthony E. Santasiere after his brilliant performance at Ventnor City and Corpus Christi.

The Class A Tournament Finals resulted in the victory of Hans Berliner (Washington) with 2-1. Richard Cantwell (Washington) and E. Shapiro (Brooklyn) finished in a tie for second with 1½-1½. Donald Sibbett (New York City) was fourth with 1-4. In the preliminary A Class groups Sibbett won the 1st section with 7-0 and Berliner was second with 6-1, while Cantwell won the second section with 6½-½ and Shapiro was second with 6-1. The Class A Consolation was won by M. Duchamp (Paris, France) with 3-0.

The Class B Tournament was won by D. Schlanger (New York City) with 7-1, and Fred Bronner (New York City) was second with 6-2.

In all there were forty entrants in the championship event; sixteen in the Class A Tournament; and nine in the Class B Tournament. Malcolm Sim, Toronto Chess Editor, served as Tournament Director—a post he has filled faithfully and efficiently through many New York State tournaments.

In the team matches Syracuse captured the coveted Genesee Cup while Queens won the newly established Susquehanna Cup, donated jointly by the I. B. M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club.

In the business meeting at the Homestead, Endicott all the officers of the NYSCA were re-elected with the exception of Harold Thayer who begged to be excused because of poor health. His place was filled by M. L. Mitchell, also of Endicott. It was voted to present the I. B. M. Country Club with a chess set for the trophy room in appreciation of their hospitality, and a committee composed of H. M. Phillips and Herman Helms was appointed to select the award. Mr. Greenawalt of Binghamton was appointed as a committee of one to organize the southern New York clubs for team matches and to establish a southern team tournament similar to those for the Genesee and Susquehanna Cups.

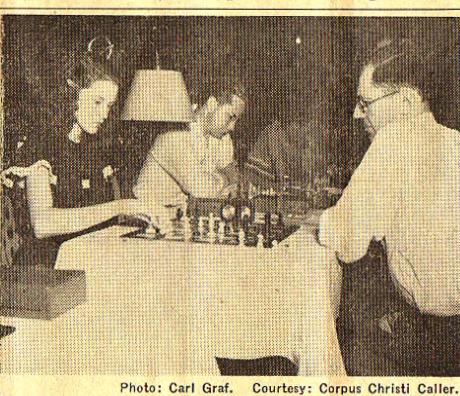


Photo: Carl Graf. Courtesy: Corpus Christi Caller.
Isaac Kashdan receives a check for \$1,000 as first prize from donor, Sam E. Wilson, Jr. of Corpus Christi, while Harry Graham, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, holds the Sturgis Trophy.

Photo: Carl Graf. Courtesy: Corpus Christi Caller.
Miss Jayne Gibson of Robstown (13 years old), youngest entrant in a U. S. Open Tournament, faces Isaac Kashdan in the first round.



Officials at the New York State Tournament (left to right): Harold M. Phillips, treasurer; Tom McConnon, president; Dr. Max Herzberger, vice-president; Robert Skelding, president of I.B.M. Country Club; Harold Thayer, secretary.

Al Mitchell of the I.B.M. Country Club registers the Championship entries in the New York State Tournament at the I.B.M. Country Club in Endicott.

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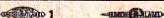
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WHY THEY CALL IT LABOR DAY

THE uninformed may logically assume that Labor Day received its name as a festive occasion dedicated to the honoring of the laboring man. They may even have subscribed to that story which goes the rounds about the holiday resulting from the suggestion of a union carpenter. But readers of Chess publications know better.

A hasty scanning of the list of State and Regional Chess Tournaments is sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Labor Day receives its title rightfully because it is a day devoted to the strenuous labor of playing chess.

CHESS LIFE has listed for the Labor Day week-end tournaments in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Florida. It noted a New England Championship and a Grand National Correspondence Championship Tournament; and, no doubt, the list is incomplete.

Although the Editor may groan as the returns pour into the office, demanding prompt and adequate attention, the fact itself is a healthy one, promising much for the future of American Chess. The Editor can conceive of no better manner of celebrating the great cause of Labor than a friendly game of chess.

Much has been written that is ill-advised and bitter about the rights and wrongs of Labor and the Employer. Some of it is justified, but much of it is short-sighted and partisan. Without wishing to take sides in the field of Labor-Management disputes, the Editor feels that both have erred more through misunderstanding than intention. And

if on Labor Day instead of glorifying their separate causes, they would only sit down in some State Tournament and play a friendly and competitive game of chess together, they would find a common point of contact and each discover that the other wasn't such a bad fellow after all.

Montgomery Major.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

MEET THE MASTERS! By Dr. Max Euwe; McKay (\$3.00)

A refreshing book from Europe by Ex-World Champion Dr. Max Euwe, this clean-cut volume works over the background, biography, general statistics and games of eight present-day chess leaders (including the good Doctor himself, whose evaluation was made by translators I. Prins and B. H. Wood). A picture of each of the eight is included: Alekhine, Capablanca, Flohr, Botvinnik, Reshevsky, Fine, Keres and Euwe. As five of these men (the last named) will join shortly in battle for the World Championship, this book is a "must" for those who will pour over the scores of the coming tournament, looking for personalized aspects of the play.

Averaging about a half-dozen illustrative games for each player, the notes of the Dutch teacher will prove most helpful to the student of chess, both for his own game and on increasing an appreciation of master-play.

A delightful book, quite different from the usual collections of "Best Games."

CAPABLANCA'S 100 BEST GAMES. By H. Golembek;

Harcourt-Brace (\$4.00).

Harcourt-Brace and Company, New York, has published another chess book and this one is up to the high standards the Company set with their books by Alekhine and Capablanca. The book, "Capablanca's 100 Best Games of Chess," which sells at \$4, is by a distinguished author and critic not too well known in America these days: H. Golembek, chess correspondent of the London Times and player in many international tournaments.

Golembek starts his collection of the games of this highly controversial master with the Corzo series and ends with the very pretty win against Czerniak at Buenos Aires, 1939.

As the author points out in his introduction, Capablanca suffered much from the detractions heaped on him by fellow masters who refused to acknowledge the beauty of his simple, but powerful, combinations. The book makes an excellent text for the ever-increasing crop of younger players who are daily turning more and more to the style of Capablanca and deserting the intricate plan of his nemesis, Alekhine. Golembek says of his annotations: "Playing through a Capablanca game constitutes a liberal education in the art of chess. I have found it necessary to annotate the games as exhaustively as was within my powers." He has done a most successful job of it.

Only Rubinstein, when he did not lapse into his grotesque blunders, could rival Capablanca in the production of such a mass of games "impregnated by that inner logical harmony that constitutes the essential quality of a great game of chess," the author points out. The author himself has contributed largely to the understanding of these chess gems with his notes, bringing out many facets of play not noted in previous annotations of Capa.

LIFE IS LIKE A CHESS GAME: IT TAKES GOOD MOVES TO WIN

By O. A. Holt

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THE game of life and the game of chess may be divided into three stages, opening, mid-game and end-game. Some folks do not find themselves till the mid-stage. Their 'opening' has not been too good . . . not sufficient thought behind their moves, too many missed opportunities, no particular set goal. They consolidate their position in the mid-game, point their thinking, efforts and energies toward a definite aim, and gain accomplishments which carry through the end-game. One example, Henry Ford.

In chess, we have a type of player known as a "wood-pusher." He moves with no particular thought behind his plays, misses the depth and beauties in the still chess waters, and overlooks even some of the shallow surface stuff.

Very occasionally he may develop a nice combination, but then only by accident. That he receives enjoyment from the game will not be disputed, but the degree is commensurate only with his playing skill.

An executive recently said in substance: "We have some over 700 people working in our plant. Working conditions are ideal, good ventilation, good lighting. Pay is considerably above average. All of our employees are agreed on one thing, however. They want a bigger pay check. Why? So they can enjoy more of the luxuries in life. But, what are they doing to improve themselves that they may merit a bigger paycheck?"

Too many of us miss opportunities of self-government, not only in a financial way incidentally, and miss the real joys in living. Thought behind moves is nil or haphazard. Wood-pushers in life!

In chess there is a piece known as a pawn which has less power than any other piece. By careful manipulation and nursing, he may be pushed up the board and upon achieving the eighth rank may be promoted to the most powerful piece on the board:

A person may start in the lowest station in life and yet achieve the highest rank. An outstanding example is Abraham Lincoln. Translating the thought in another manner, some people have good little habits which develop and grow into virtues.

Timing is one of the most important elements in chess or life. All moves are important in a chess game but a few have an extra importance and are known as "key," "star," "crucial" moves.

The balance or turning point of a game hinges on them. They must be made at exactly the proper moment. The same good move made in a slightly different sequence, or even a slightly different position, can be fatal.

Most people can point to definite "crucial" moves which have changed the course of their lives. Because a "move" was good a year or even a week ago, does not mean that move is good today, or vice versa.

Some players in chess are known as "wood-choppers," or by the more slangy "pawn-snatchers." They chop off or capture opponent's pieces promiscuously. They miss the goal of the game and would rather take a queen or pawn than trap or checkmate the king.

Life has the same problem. Many folks set as a goal money, power, entertainment, or other false aims, and miss the deeper joys, the beauties, and peace of mind.

Each piece on the chess-board is important in the over all picture. The minor or less powerful men have a major role in many positions, and their value at a particular stage may be more important than the most powerful.

So it is in life. Although a person may occupy a humble station, speaking in a material sense, his role in social and economic life can be and often is of genuine value and importance.

The co-ordination, the working-together of all the chess pieces toward a definite goal is what makes chess.

Each person lives in different worlds, the spiritual world, the home world, the business world, the social world, the entertainment world, the music world, and many more. It is a combination of these, each in its proper perspective, that makes full life.

Certain players receive the gift, let us call it a peculiar talent for this type of thing, and develop into master players. Chess, to them, is not merely a game or contest, much less a pastime. It is a science and an art. Their appreciation and enjoyment of chess is of necessity much deeper, much fuller, than the average or even the good player can comprehend.

What about "masters" of life or the goal of a full life? Man's chief destiny is to serve all of humanity. To do this he should develop fully and completely given characteristics. He may build his better self if he receives divine gifts of wisdom such as sowing seeds of consideration, cheerfulness, helpfulness and the like. Then, he may, in his small way, help build a better family, a better community, a better country, a better world.

Who is this man? It could be you.

"Life is but chess game." It takes good moves to win.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

A Veteran Answers Mr. Gray

Dear Mr. Gray:

As a hospitalized veteran, as well as the Chairman, sub-committee for correspondence chess, "Chess for Veterans," USCF, I would like to publicly answer your letter in the September 5th CHESS LIFE.

The veteran doesn't want sympathy or coddling, Mr. Gray. We didn't ask for it when we "went in." We didn't ask the enemy to "pull punches," neither did we pull our punches.

If we asked for no quarter then, Mr. Gray, why should we play cry-baby and ask quarter in a game of chess?

In my ward there are 60 men. Exclusive of Purple Hearts for

wounds received, there are more than 50 decorations, which include Medal of Honor, Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Flying Cross, etc.

Do you think that the men who earned these medals in combat need coddling and "punches pulled"?

A game of chess, unless played the best that both players can, is not a game. If the civilians who start games with veterans, sir, you will have done the veteran an irreparable injury.

It is true that we are handicapped, some in wheel-chairs, on crutches, in bed, and all confined more or less closely to a hospital

Who's Who In American Chess

Isaac Kashdan

Among American chess players Isaac Kashdan is one of the most distinguished and in Europe is counted as one of the Big Three of American experts. His continental record, beginning with yeoman service on the U. S. Teams which brought the Hamilton-Russell Team Trophy to these shores, included many important victories. Among these were his first in the 1930, Berlin Tournament and his first in the 1930 Stockholm Tournament.

In 1932 Kashdan tied for first with Alekhine in the International Tournament at Mexico City, and was seriously considered as the possible successor of Mr. Frank Marshall as U. S. Champion.

But plans for a Championship Match between the two did not materialize. In all American Tournaments in his earlier days his record was equally enviable with a second behind Alekhine in the Pasadena International Tournament of 1932 and a second behind Capablanca and ahead of Frank Marshall in the New York International Tournament of the same year.

In 1938 Kashdan tied with Horowitz for first in the U. S. Open Tournament at Boston; in 1940 he placed third behind Reshevsky and Fine in the U. S. Championship Tournament at New York. In 1942 he tied for first with Reshevsky in the U. S. Championship Tournament, but lost in a hard-fought playoff match.

After a vacation from tournaments chess Kashdan returned in 1945 to place fourth in the Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood behind Fine, Reshevsky and Pilnick. And in 1946 gave a very convincing performance in the U. S. Championship Tournament when he placed second behind Reshevsky. His victory at Corpus Christi in the 1947 Open Tournament shows that he has indeed regained the form of earlier years.

As an international team player, Kashdan has always given a superlative performance. At Folkestone in 1933 he went through the series of team matches without a loss. And while he lost to Kotov in the 1945 Radio Match with Russia, he avenged the defeat in his over-the-board encounter with Kotov in Moscow in 1946 with a victory and a draw.

ward. But we are not cry-babies. You don't find cry-babies in Veterans Hospitals.

We cannot get out and find opponents in chess clubs, and are compelled to find opponents where and how we may.

I think I speak for all the hospitalized chess players when I say that "pulling punches" will be a disservice to the veteran.

Personally, though I am a dub chess player, no one has been able to make me say "Uncle." Try it on me, Mr. Gray.

Very truly yours,

FRANK TROUTMAN
U. S. Veterans Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Graves of the Texas Chess Association with the Trophy for the Southwestern Women's Championship Tournament.

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Seated (left to right) the re-elected officers of the United States Chess Federation: Wm. M. Byland, vice-president; Edward I. Treend, secretary; Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., president; Paul G. Giers, executive vice-president; Herman Steiner, vice-president.

Front row: Harry E. Graham, Anthony E. Santasiere, Weaver W. Adams, James A. Creighton, Mrs. Mary Bain, Newton Grant, Dr. Edward Lasker.

USCF DIRECTORS MEETING

Back row (left to right): Conrad P. Hoover, Judge Bertram C. Jenkins, Dr. Bela Rozsa, Alfred C. Ludwig, Frank R. Graves, Hector Vissep, Herman Steiner, Paul G. Giers, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., Edward I. Treend, William M. Byland.

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**SIXTY ENTERED
IN SOUTHWESTERN;
WADE IS WINNER**

Almost rivaling the recent U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi (where eighty-six players competed), the 1947 Southwestern Open Tournament registered a list of sixty entrants in the Swiss System Tournament held at Fort Worth (Texas) August 30 to September 1. Many of the entrants, not satisfied with their two weeks of chess at Corpus Christi, came from the U. S. Open to round out their chess season by competing in the Southwestern Open. Among these were R. G. Wade, Blake Stevens, Dr. Bela Rozsa, Clay Merchant, F. H. McKee, Joe T. Gilbert and Robert B. Symonds among those finishing in the top fifteen at Fort Worth.

Victor was the New Zealander, R. G. Wade, who won all seven games in the seven round Swiss. Second was J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie, defending Southwestern Champion, who suffered two draws and finished with a score of 6-1. Blake Stevens of San Antonio was third with a score of 5½-1½ while fourth was a tie between nine players with 5½ each. On a point system A. H. Roddy of Oklahoma City and J. D. Webb of Austin were declared tied for fourth, and Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa and Clay Merchant of Houston tied for sixth.

In a round robin tournament with five entrants, Mrs. Edwina Watson of Fort Worth emerged as Women's Champion with a perfect score of 4-0.

The one unfortunate feature of the meet was the fact that the winner, R. G. Wade, did not face the runner-up, J. C. Thompson, due to the workings of the Swiss movement; and Thompson was further handicapped in his defense of the title by acting as Tournament Director—a task of appalling magnitude in a sixty-player Swiss tournament.

At the business meeting Ben R. Milam of San Antonio was elected president of the Texas Chess Association for the ensuing year.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
WINS TROPHY
IN 4TH EVENT**

At Blaine (Wash.) in the beautiful International Park in sight of the Peace Arch on the International Boundary, British Columbia won the Fourth International Match from Washington and the Peace Arch Trophy by taking the A Class Match by a score of 16½ to 11½ with two games to be adjudicated.

In the B. Class Match Washington scored a come-back by winning the B Division Plate by 33½ to 19½.

The international match was the most colorful of the series, and British Columbia in acting as host for the occasion proved as bountiful as hosts as they were victorious as players.

**MARKS REGAINS
W. VA. STATE TITLE;
WERTHAMMER 2ND**

H. Landis Marks of Huntington won the ninth annual West Virginia Chess Association championship August 30 to September 1 in the Frederick Hotel at Huntington without loss of a game and only one draw for a score of 5½-½ to regain the title he held in 1942 at Charleston.

His tie was with Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, defending champion, of Huntington, who lost no games but yielded three draws for a score of 4½-1½. Marks and Werthammer have held the title twice in the nine years of play.

WVCA President William Hartling of St. Albans, 1940 champion, and Edward M. Foy of Charleston, who scored the other draws against Dr. Werthammer, ended in a third place tie with 4-2 each, along with Allen DuVall and John Hurt, Jr., both of Charleston. Eighteen entrants took part in the six round Swiss tourney.

At the close of the tournament, six players engaged in an informal problem solving contest, using two and three-movers selected by Francis J. C. DeBlasio, WVCA problem director. H. Reid Holt of Charleston won by a perfect score, using 1:48 of the allotted two hours.

A special feature of the tournament was the use of six electric clocks which were made by members of the WVCA. All worked perfectly and CHESS LIFE plans to publish details of their construction in an early issue.

USCF DIRECTORS

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Abbott Gottschall; New Jersey: Robert T. Durgan, Edgar McCormick, E. Forry Laucks, and Richard W. Wayne; New Mexico: James R. Cole; New York: Severin Bischof, Milton Finkelstein, Herman Helms, Dr. Edward Lasker, Tom McConnon, Erich W. Marchand, Harold M. Phillips, Fred Reinfeld, Anthony E. Santasiere and Maurice Wertheim; North Carolina: Everett B. Weatherly; North Dakota: D. C. MacDonald; Ohio: Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr., S. Keeney, A. R. Phillips and A. E. Pluedemann; Oklahoma: Dr. Bela Rozsa and Dr. Kester Svendsen; Oregon: Rev. George H. Swift; Pennsylvania: Isaac Ash, Thomas Ecklenjohn, John D. French, Thomas Gutkunst, Harry Morris and Paul Schwarz; Rhode Island: Theodore Peisach; South Dakota: M. F. Anderson; Tennessee: George W. Somers and Martin Southern; Texas: James A. Creighton, Harry E. Graham, Frank R. Graves, and Conrad P. Hoover; Utah: Herman A. Dittman; Vermont: Arthur H. Holway; Virginia: A. T. Henderson; Washington: R. C. Cannon and Ray LaFever; West Virginia: Dr. Siegfried Werthammer; Wisconsin: Averill Powers and Fritz Rathman; Puerto Rico: Hector Vissep.

**SANDRIN WINS
ILL. STATE TITLE
IN HOT PLAYOFF**

In the strongest field of players in some years Albert Sandrin and Einar Michelsen ended in a tie for first place with scores of 6-1 each. Michelsen lost to Stanbridge in the first round and Sandrin to Michelsen in the seventh, in the seven round Swiss System meet played August 30 to September 1 at the Chess Club of Chicago.

A three game playoff was agreed upon for the title; and resulted in a win for each and a draw. A fourth game was played and in this "sudden death" contest Sandrin emerged as victor and Champion of Illinois.

The contest was close, and as late as the sixth round either Sam Cohen or Earl Davidson had a chance to tie the winner, but eliminated each other by drawing. Twenty-eight players entered in the contest, including defending State Champion Paul Poschel and former Champion Lewis J. Isaacs who withdrew after the fifth round.

**DREXEL WINS
FLA. STATE TITLE;
HERNANDEZ 2ND**

Dr. Gustave Drexel of Miami Beach confirmed his claim to the Florida State Championship in winning the Florida Chess League Tournament at the Floridian Hotel in Tampa August 30 to September 1 with a score of 5½-1. Runner-up was Nestor Hernandez of Tampa, former Southern Ass'n Champion with 5-1 while third place was shared by A. Montano and W. A. Reynolds, both of Tampa, with 4-2 each.

Sixteen players competed in the six round Swiss tourney which received excellent local publicity in the Tampa Morning Tribune and Tampa Daily Times. The success of this first Florida tournament of the newly created league has given encouragement to plans to hold a series of Rapid Transit Tournaments in various cities.

**LOUISVILLE CLUB
IS CRUSHED
BY CINCINNATI**

By the drastic score of 14-4 the Louisville Chess Club bowed in defeat to a Cincinnati chess team headed by Dr. Keeney, the well-known problemist, who personally led the onslaught with a double victory over Kentucky Champion J. Moyse. On the top four boards Louisville could garner no better than one-half point out of a possible eight.

Cincinnati Louisville
Dr. Keeney 2 J. Moyse 0
N. Gabor 2 D. Shields 0
F. Hartman 13 W. B. Schmidt 5
Dr. Slutz 2 M. Blum 0
F. Groendyke 5 L. Gatz 1½
G. Weidner 2 M. Duke 0
O. Esterhaus 2 D. Witherspoon 0
S. Baxter 1 C. Sauer 1
S. Clapper 1 J. Mayer 1
Cincinnati 14 Louisville 4

Detailed score in next issue.

Pinkus' victory at Endicott, it was universally agreed, was a well-deserved one. As usual, the modest champion resisted attempts to publicize his victory. A newspaper columnist, looking for a good story, tried to obtain an interview. Pinkus answered questions with smiles and nods and, with the aid of Jack Soudakoff, the newspaperman was finally able to determine that Pinkus had a wife and lived in Brooklyn. Discouraged, the journalist left with the remark that all he could write was a headline—"BROOKLYN MONOGAMIST WINS CHESS TITLE!"

Soudakoff prepared a perfect defense to one of Kramer's favorite lines, while Kramer, true to form, improved on the variation which had won for him before and defeated the former N. American Correspondence Champion. Kramer did the same thing to me at the 1946 Open!

The Manhattan Chess Club's Fall season opened with a rapid-transit with a slight international flavor. Young Robert Byrne won, followed by Cueller (Colombia), Abraham Kupchik and Herbert Avram, Hans Kmoch (Holland) and Edward Lasker also participated.

Julius Partos, the Queens Chess Club's happy contribution to Chess, was the true center of interest at Endicott. Throughout the tournament, he whiled away the time by playing "blitz" (two seconds a move!) against all comers. None were able to beat him, and he finished with two pretty wins from Pinkus on the last day. Strangely, Partos finished last in the N. Y. State rapid-transit tournament! It seems that 10 seconds a move is too slow for him!

**For The
Tournament-Minded**

October 8th

2nd Annual Junior Championship
of Hudson County
Jersey City YMCA

Open to residents of Hudson County under 21; entry fee \$1.00; file entry with William J. Cooper, Jersey City YMCA, 654 Bergen Ave., Jersey City 4, before October 4th. Sponsored by Senior Jersey City YMCA Chess Club.

**NORTH CITY BOWS
TO GERMANTOWN**

In a return match the Germantown YMCA Chess Club took the measure of North City by a score of 5-4 as the two clubs sharpened their wits for the approaching Philadelphia Chess League season.

Germantown	North City
Arbuckle 1	Lipman 0
Hall 0	Walton 1
Selensky 1	Gorsor 0
Ash 1	Oster 1
Bortman 1	Maguire 0
Peiris 0	Coe 1
Nelson 0	Ranham 1
Clarkson 1	Erbe 0
Jesser 1	Bergey 0
Germantown 5	North City 4

**RADIO CHESS
PRODUCES DRAW**

A close radio match between Germantown and Elizabethtown resulted in a 2½-2½ deadlock. Penn. State Junior Champion Wachs carried the top board for Germantown to victory by scoring a brilliancy over R. Stauffer.

Germantown	Elizabethtown
Wachs 1	Stauffer 1
Hall 0	D. Eiders 1
Bortman 0	Shields 1
Nelson 0	Frey 1
Jesser 1	Hershey 0
Germantown 2½	Elizabethtown 2½

Saturday, September 20, 1947

FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: KASHDAN D. YANOFSKY
1. P-Q4 P-K3 5. P-K5 KKQ-Q2
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 6. P-KR4 P-Q5
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 7. BxP KtB
4. B-Kt5 B-K2 8. Q-K4

MCO (7th Edition) gives here 8. P-B4 leading to a slight advantage for White. The next move permits Black to eliminate White's P center and should give an equal game.

8. Kt-B1 11. O-O-Q1 Kt-B3
9. PxP KtxKP 12. P-KB4 Kt-K2

10. Q-K3 Kt(K4)-Q2 13. P-B5

11. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 12. Kt-B4

12. Kt-B5 B-K2 13. Q-K4

13. P-R5 KtxP 17. Q-Q4 P-B3

14. P-R6 P-KK3 18. P-KK4 Q-K3

15. Kt-B3 P-R3 19. R-K1 Kt-B3

16. Q-B2 Kt-Q2

17. Kt-B2 Kt-B2

18. Kt-B2 Kt-B2 would be better here. If then

22. Q-Q4, Kt-Q2.

22. P-B5 Kt-K2 23. Q-Q4 KtPxP

If now 23. Kt-Q2; 24. PxP the text wins a P for Black, but his position is rather shaky.

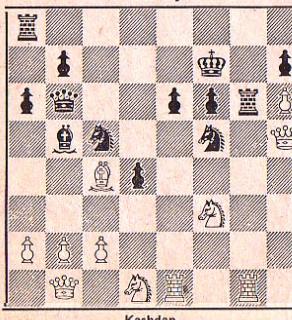
24. PxP KtxP 26. Q-R5 ch R-K13

25. Kt-K4 R-KK1 27. R-K1 P-Q5

It seems unwise to give White use of his Qd4 square for his B. 27. B-Q2 at once is better.

28. Kt-Q1 B-Q2 29. B-B4 B-Kt4

Yanofsky



Kashdan

This loses the exchange at least. If Black should try 29. Kt-Q3; 30. Kt-R4, KtxP; 31. KtxR there might be winning chances; for instance: 31. Kt-R6 ch; 32. K-B1, Kt-K6 ch; 33. PxKt; R-B1 ch; 34. Kt-B3 (if 34. K-Q2, R-B7 mate), RxKt ch; 35. K-K1, B-R5 ch, etc.

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

New York State Championship

Score Points

		Score Points
A. S. Pinkus	.....	63-12
G. Kramer	.....	53-23
J. F. Donovan	.....	53-23
E. W. Marchand	.....	53-23
Dr. Mengarini	.....	51-24
G. Shainswitz	.....	51-24
M. Siegel	.....	51-24
J. Soudakoff	.....	51-24
F. R. Anderson	.....	5-3
J. W. Collins	.....	5-3
D. Byrne	.....	43-33
F. Colline	.....	43-33
Dr. M. Hertzberger	.....	43-33
O. Hineman	.....	43-33
E. S. Jackson	.....	43-33
G. Krauss	.....	43-33
J. Partos	.....	43-33
C. F. Rehberg	.....	43-33
R. Einhorn	.....	4-4
E. Maslansky	.....	4-4
Morgan	.....	4-4
A. E. Santasire	.....	4-4
J. Westbrook	.....	4-4
H. Phillips	.....	4-4
S. Almgren	.....	33-43
S. Baron	.....	33-43
Dr. G. Katz	.....	33-43
E. Shapiro	.....	33-43
A. E. Vossler	.....	33-43
M. Fleischer	.....	3-5
D. Gladstone	.....	3-5
R. Maisel	.....	3-5
S. Shaw	.....	3-5
S. Wanetick	.....	3-5
S. Weinstock	.....	3-5
J. S. Battell	.....	23-51
P. Gold	.....	23-51
A. Fox	.....	2-6
P. L. Gluckemus	.....	13-61
N. C. Wilder	.....	1-7
Southwestern Open Tournament		
1. R. G. Wade	.....	7-0 36.00
2. J. C. Thompson	.....	6-1 34.75
3. Blake Stevens	.....	53-13 25.00
4. A. H. Roddy	.....	5-2 26.25
5. J. D. Webb	.....	5-2 26.25
6. Dr. Bela Rozsa	.....	5-2 25.50
7. Clay Merchant	.....	5-2 25.50
8. F. H. McKee	.....	5-2 24.00
9. R. L. Garver	.....	5-2 23.00
10. Dr. R. S. Underwood	.....	5-2 22.00
11. Geo. H. Smith	5-2 21.00
12. Joe T. Gilbert	5-2 19.50
13. Chas. P. Gray	43-24 22.00

French Defense

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5. Kt-B5 B-K2 9. Q-K4

6. Kt-B5 B-K2 10. Q-K4

7. Kt-B5 B-K2 11. Q-K4

8. Kt-B5 B-K2 12. Q-K4

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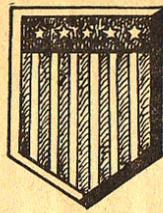
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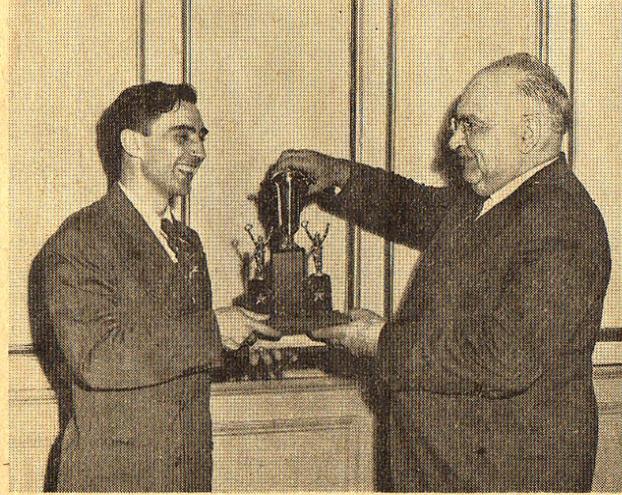


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"They're Off!" In Mail Derby



A. R. Phillips (right), president of Ohio Chess Association, presents the trophy to Ohio State Champion, Thomas Ellison.



Victors in the Ohio Tournament: (left to right) E. E. Stearns, fourth place; Thomas Ellison, winner; Mrs. Catherine E. Jones, women's champion; Marty Levitan, second in junior tourney; and James Harkin, winner of junior meet.

LOG CABIN BESTS MERCANTILE LIB'RY FOR THIRD TIME

With a team featuring two former Amateur Champions and two former N. J. Champions, Log Cabin Chess Club (West Orange, N. J.) defeated on September 20 the Mercantile Library Chess Club (Philadelphia) which featured an equally impressive line-up. Up-set of the match was Dr. Mengarini's victory over J. Levin.

Log Cabin

Dr. A. Mengarini.....1	J. Levin .....0
E. S. Jackson, Jr. ....1	W. Ruth .....1
S. Kowalski .....1	B. Winkelman .....0
J. Parton .....1	A. Stern .....0
A. Rothman .....1	H. Morris .....1
C. Parmalee .....0	A. Regan .....1
F. Howard .....1	S. Wachs .....1
T. Ambrogio .....1	G. Blizzard .....0
N. Neidich .....0	S. Sharp .....1
M. Malzberg .....1	E. Dreher .....0
H. Jones .....1	M. Logan .....0
E. McCormick .....1	D. Schrader .....1
K. Koza .....1	C. Rehams .....1
A. Sobin .....0	G. Marcus .....1
R. W. Wayne .....1	A. Chressanthus .....1
Log Cabin .....0	Mercantile .....6

TORONTO HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL OF CHESS LEAGUE

The Toronto Chess League held its Fall Festival at the auditorium of the Central YMCA September 19. There was an exhibit of rare chess sets in charge of W. H. Rockett, and one exquisite set owned by T. J. Flood drew much admiration.

Problem solvers were presented with a group of tough nuts to crack including a grand cylindrical two-mover by F. M. Watson which was mastered only by A. L. Rubinoff and M. Sim in co-operation.

Lectures on opening strategy in the French Defense by W. Kenyon and in the Vienna by C. A. Crompton were well attended.

Bernard Freedman conducted a ten-section speed tournament. Section winners were: F. R. Anderson, C. Johansen, W. G. Stickle, A. Forward, H. Flint, J. Jeffrey, A. Pataky, J. Tighe, K. Hastings, W. Oaker, R. Siemms.

D. BYRNE WINS NYCA LIGHTNING; ENDICOTT ITEMS

Further details of the New York State Chess Tournament at Endicott reveal the fact that forty-four players entered in the Speed Tournament which was divided into four sections. The two top players in each section entered the finals which Donald Byrne won with 6-1 with Hans Berliner second with 5½-1½. Shainswit, Anderson, Jackson and Weinstock tied with 3½; Almgren finished with 2½-4½; and Parsons (the blitz expert) ended with 2-5.

Onondaga County won the Gene-see Cup after a lapse of many years by 2½-1, beating Tompkins by 2½-1½, Monroe by 4-0, and drawing Broome by 2-2. Monroe's match score was 2-1, Broome's 1-2, and Tompkins' 1½ in the four-team competition.

Eleven teams entered the Susquehanna Valley Cup match which was played on a Swiss system. Queens placed first with 4-0. Other totals were: Syracuse and Rochester 3-1 each, Elmira 2½-1½, Poughkeepsie and Kodak of Rochester 2-2 each, Binghamton and Newark Valley 1½-1½, Syracuse Suburban and IBM 1-3, Endicott-Johnson 1-3.

Five prizes were donated by H. M. Phillips for the best game in each of the last five rounds of championship play, in memory of Henry Atlas, long a Manhattan Chess Club official. The winners in order were: Herzberger, Pinkus, Pinkus, Soudakoff and Santasiere.

JARNAGIN WINS GEORGIA TITLE; STATE ASSN. FORMS

August 30 saw the birth of the Georgia State Chess Association in a meeting at the Ansley Hotel in Atlanta. Paul Cromelin of Augusta was elected president of the new association and Grady N. Coker, Jr. the secretary-treasurer.

First business of the new GSCHA was to organize an Open Tournament—a seven round Swiss with 26 entries under the direction of John Hay of Knoxville (Tenn.).

Martin Southern of Knoxville, Southern Ass'n president, was winner of the Open with a score of 6½-1. Second place went to J. G. Sullivan, Jr. Southern Ass'n Junior Champion, also of Knoxville, with a score of 5-2. Third place and the title of Georgia State Champion went to Milton Jarnagin (Athens) who was closely dogged by two young Atlantans, Keown and Poole.

DENKER WINS MANHATTAN TITLE

In New York Arnold S. Denker took the Manhattan Chess Club title by drawing the third game of a four game match with Kevitz. The final score was 2½-1. At the Marshall Chess Club forty-eight entries are competing in the preliminaries of the annual tournament. The summer tournament went to H. Fa-jans and E. McCormick with tied scores of 7-1 each.

AMERICANS WIN WORLD 'PROBLEM' CHAMPIONSHIP

Eric M. Hassberg of New York, J. Buchwald of New York, and F. Gamage of Brockton (Mass.) walked away with the first three honors in a composite scoring of international problem composing tournaments in 1946. On the basis of awarding 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, 1 point for third place, and fractional points for joint or ex aequo awards, the results of over ninety international chess problem composing tournaments in 1946 were as follows:

	Points
E. M. Hassberg (New York)	39
J. Buchwald (New York)	33
F. Gamage (Brockton, Mass.)	24½
J. J. Rietvelt (Holland)	21½
F. Visserman (Holland)	19
V. L. Eaton (Washington)	17
P. Pedersen (Denmark)	15½
A. P. Eerkes (Holland)	12
C. Mansfield (England)	10
D. Brummelman (Holland)	8

In the International Chess Problem Solving Contest, the team of the United States, composed of Rothenberg, Rivise, Scheer, Seidman, Berliner, Mulligan, Spielberger, Rubens, Lee and Lederman, came in third behind Yugoslavia and Hungary with 2049 points out of a maximum of 2120 points.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR TELEVISION CHESS SPECTACLE

Under the energetic guidance of David M. Crandall, Director of Television Programs for the Los Angeles Times, and Dr. Ralph Kuhns, President of the Varo Chess Club, plans for a spectacular chess match between the Veterans Chess Clubs of Sawtelle Veterans Hospital and Birmingham Veterans Hospital are advancing rapidly.

The match will be played as a game of chess with living pieces in costume, and the scene of the giant chessboard projected on television for the fortunate owners of television sets.

Tentative arrangements set the match for January, 1948. The Pasadena Play-House will furnish the costuming; chess-board for the pageant will come from M.G.M. or 20 Century-Fox; Pawns will be enacted by children from the Los Angeles Recreational System; and the Queens of the Pageant-game will be represented by Linda Darnell and Carmen Miranda. Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns will serve as announcer.

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Dr. Edward Lasker of New York has been appointed by USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. as chairman of a committee to arrange and direct the Sixth Annual U. S. Lightning Chess Tournament which will be held this fall. Details remain the concern of the committee which will report its decisions later, but it is probable that the 1947 tournament will be held in New York City, scene of the five previous tournaments.

EDWARD LASKER WILL DIRECT USCF LIGHTNING

PLAY BEGINS IN ANNUAL 'MAIL' U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

On the fifteenth of September 228 contestants from thirty-six States and the District of Columbia began play in 40 seven or eight man sections in the preliminary round of the 15th Grand National for the title of "Correspondence Chess Champion of the U.S.A." according to CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City, Iowa.

This annual event, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America, the correspondence chapter of the USCF, has once again drawn many of the country's strongest correspondence chess players, who will match their skills against students and players of every walk of life, many of whom are denied the opportunity of satisfying their appetites for the game in cross-board competition, in three rounds of eliminations, lasting between three and a half and four years altogether.

The state of California heads the list for total entries with 46, including H. H. Robinson (Oakland) currently playing in the finals of the 9th and 11th Grand Nationals; Alan G. Pearall (Chula Vista), many times a finalist; and Robert Wyller (Hillsboro), currently playing over 500 games by mail.

New York State is next in line with 36 entries, headed by Erich W. Marchand (Rochester), CHESS LIFE Games Editor and President of the CCLA; Sol Weinstein and Irving Rivise (New York City); while Illinois is third highest with 18, abetted by James F. Fifer (Chicago) and his entry into no less than seven sections.

Among other well known contestants are: W. Frank Gladney (Baton Rouge, La.); Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma State Champion, (Tulsa, Okla.); John W. Harvey (Manistee, Mich.); Anton Y. Hesse (Hyattsville, Md.); Stephen H. Kowalski (Newark, N.J.); W. M. P. Mitchell (Brookline, Mass.); Sven Brask (Attleboro, Mass.); and Henry G. Tyler (Andover, Mass.).

Reports on the results in the first round, scheduled to end October 1, 1948, will be carried in future issues of CHESS LIFE, together with the scores of many of the more interesting games.

SOUTHERN BESTS FT. WORTH CHAMP IN 5-GAME MATCH

Martin Southern, Knoxville (Tenn.) City Champion, not content with victory in the Georgia Open Tournament at Atlanta, added further laurels to his collection by besting young Richard Harrell, Ft. Worth City Champion, in a five game match, finishing the last game just before Harrell began his trek back to Texas Christian University. The match score was 3½-1, and the final game was a short draw of five and one-half hours of play.

The Ft. Worth Champion spent the summer in Tennessee, selling bibles.

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NEWS MAKES THE HEADLINES

FROM time to time an irate reader, full of righteous indignation at a fancied slight, will dip his pen in vitriol to demand the reason why his own state tournament received no special featured notice whereas two weeks before the tournament of another state captured the banner headline of CHESS LIFE. Lest other readers of these pages share this patriotic anger in a more menacing silence, let us hasten to elucidate the principles that govern banner headlines and featured news stories in this or any other newspaper.

News makes a headline—for a headline can never make the news.

And so on one occasion a particular state tournament may be the one outstanding story of an issue that is somewhat barren in chess news of general interest. It earns, therefore, the banner headline, since tradition decrees that a newspaper must have a banner heading whether any news clamors for its emphasis or not. (Once the banner head only appeared in newspapers when the occasion warranted such stress to compel attention to a startling or unusual item; but that was long ago.)

On other occasions several tournaments of equal importance in news value compete for the reader's interest. Because of their conflict for attention the impartial editor must choose a neutral banner headline stating some other fact, for one tournament cannot be exalted above the others unless it possesses some exceptional news feature that demands or justifies a special emphasis.

Then, on a third occasion a tournament, which normally would claim the banner headline and be the leading story of an issue, is quite eclipsed by some other news item of more importance in the world of chess which successfully demands priority in interest and emphasis.

In news, be it remembered, all values are relative. The big story of one week would often be lost and forgotten in the shuffle of bigger stories in the next.

Therefore CHESS LIFE cannot accept the suggestion of one earnest reader that all state tournaments be allotted an equal space and an equal featuring regardless of the other elements of news contained in the same issue. News cannot be measured by a yardstick nor weighed by the pound. State tournaments, like individuals in life, must stand the careless buffeting of circumstances and gain the recognition that the hour and its importance grants to them.

News makes the headline—not the headline news.

To illustrate, this editor's friend, neighbor and mentor many years ago was the late Henry Justin Smith, famed alike in the newspaper profession as author and as managing editor of the Chicago Daily News. He told upon occasion this tale of events in the gangster prohibition era in Chicago.

At a solemn conference of the Daily News executive staff at which Walter Ansel Strong (successor to Victor Lawson as publisher) presided, it was agreed that crime banner headlines were creating for Chicago an evil reputation as a city of violence and lawlessness and that they were even encouraging crime by advertising its success. It was, therefore, unanimously decided that the Chicago Daily News from that day forth would publish no more banner headlines in which crime was mentioned.

The date was February 14, 1929—and even as the conference was making its grave decision to abolish crime news by ignoring crime, the wires were hot in the City News Room with a tale that nullified their solemn resolution.

For in a garage on North Clark Street, used by notorious Bugs Moran, lay seven gangsters who had been lined up against a wall and machine-gunned in a wholesale killing—the St. Valentine's Day Massacre that shocked the world.

News makes the headlines.

MONTGOMERY MAJOR

Guest Editorial

CHESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Henry J. Ralston

USCF Director for California

HAVING received a very flattering invitation from the President of U. S. C. F., Mr. Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., of Chicago, to write a guest editorial for Chess Life, I think it is in order to say something about chess activities in San Francisco.

For over a half century the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club has played a leading role in chess on the Pacific Coast. Several world champions and many grand masters and masters have visited us, including Zukertort, Harry Pillsbury, Dr. E. Lasker, Capablanca, and Dr. Alekhine. We have at our club a veteran amateur, Dr. W. R. Lovegrove, who in his day (he is still a very fine player) may have been the strongest amateur in the world, having beaten both Pillsbury and Dr. E. Lasker in individual encounters when those players were in their prime. Dr. Alekhine visited us in 1929, and we managed in a simultaneous exhibition to win eight and draw eight games out of a total of forty-three. Somewhat later, Dr. Alekhine, when asked what club in the United States had given him the

most trouble, replied: "a place in San Francisco called the Mechanics' Institute."

Mr. E. J. Clarke, an old friend of the revered Hermann Helms, for many years has been one of our most enthusiastic players. His role in San Francisco is comparable to that of Helms in the nation. Mr. A. J. Fink also has been a leading player in San Francisco and California for a long time. We sent Fink to the last Championship Tournament. He didn't do anything startling in that tournament, but there were strong extenuating circumstances. Those of us who know Fink intimately have the greatest respect for his chess ability. Fink, by the way, is an internationally known problem composer.

We have a number of younger men of high chess ability. I might mention Charles Bagby, Carol Capps, V. Pafnutieff, H. Simon, W. J. McClain, William Barlow, and Neil Falconer. All of these men would be very tough customers indeed if they were to get a few hard tournaments under their belts. We also have several youngsters coming up who show plenty of talent. We were very unfortunate this past summer in losing through death a young player, Charles Howland, who was always good for a point in local matches.

We have extensive plans for the future. A major, minor, and open tournaments will be played each year, plus rapid transits at frequent intervals. We have great hopes that a San Francisco player will break into national prominence within the not too distant future.

[The views expressed in a Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.]

PUERTO RICO TAKES HER PLACE

Monthly Letter No. 46

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

A BOUT 1400 miles southeast of New York lies Puerto Rico, easternmost of the Greater Antilles. In size about two and one half that of Rhode Island, its population of approximately two million ranks it above many of our States. From 1493, when it was discovered by Columbus, until 1898, Puerto Rico was a Spanish possession with occasional provincial status. It is now a territory of the United States and the people share with us the enjoyment of American citizenship.

Fascinating as is the historical background of Puerto Rico, it is the chess activity of the present which now commands our interest. Our insular compatriots gave notice a year ago that their chess was of a high quality when M. Colon and R. Cintron performed creditably in the Yankton International Tournament, the former tieing for second place with Albert C. Margolis, former Western, Illinois and Chicago Champion. Earlier this year they followed up that accomplishment by dividing a pair of radio chess matches with a strong Chicago team. At Corpus Christi, two Puerto Ricans, Arturo Colon and Hector Vissepco, entered the Open Championship Tournament and comported themselves with honor in a field which numbered some of the strongest players in the Western Hemisphere, each finishing with a plus score.

Small wonder that when the Federation's 48th Annual Congress convened, it was in the mind of everyone present to question why any artificial barrier should prevent this energetic and capable group of players from complete participation in American chess. There could be but one answer. The initial item of business at the meeting of the Directors was the offering of a resolution to accord equal status to all territorial possessions of the United States with that enjoyed by the States themselves. It was passed without a dissenting vote. Mr. Vissepco thereupon took his seat as the first Federation Director from Puerto Rico, marking also the first time a Director had represented any place beyond the continental limits of the United States.

Important as representation on the Federation Board of Directors may be, and happy as we are to welcome Directors from the territories (and this includes Alaska, Hawaii, certain of the Virgin Islands and possibly other places), the effects of this action do not end here. An additional result is the eligibility of players from these places to compete in our national championships. The Puerto Ricans have already announced their intention to enter the qualifying rounds in 1948. Their presence will lend both color and interest to the play.

The action to accord to United States territories status equal to that of the several States is a long step forward in the promotion of American chess. Its effect will be a lasting one and the Puerto Ricans should be hailed for supplying the inspiration which led to it. We look forward to continued enjoyment of the relationship which has so happily begun.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

I wish to reply publicly to Mr. Troutman's letter in September 20th issue of CHESS LIFE.

I am sorry my letter gave the impression the veterans could not "take it." Nothing of the sort was intended. The courage of the veteran is fully understood and appreciated by all, and so it is not necessary to go into that.

My only desire is to aid in every way possible the cause of the veteran, also the advancement of chess. It just seemed reasonable to me that the veteran, sick, wounded and hospitalized, should not be subject to more disaster, even in a game. But I agree with you, Mr. Troutman, chess is not a game if not played to the best of one's ability. I believe the solution would be to match players as nearly equal in strength as possible. Then the game will be a tonic. Otherwise, how could it be anything but depressing where there is an overwhelming defeat?

I agreed to play two of the veterans chess and was shocked when one of them wrote and said he

would be glad to play me, but did not know the board well enough to play without one. He sent his moves, however, and I might add, needs instructions in describing his moves.

It may be that organization has not progressed very far as yet and this condition will be remedied soon. Otherwise, the Government or somebody should get busy and do something about it.

I admire your fighting spirit, Mr. Troutman, and I accept your challenge. Two dubs playing each other; we should have a great time. I suggest we play two games at once, each with White. This would speed up play and save postage. I recommend it for other players also. I hope you best me badly, Mr. Troutman, but I will do everything in my power to prevent it.

The veterans are fortunate in having you as chairman in you have the necessary spirit and drive and are in a position to know the problems and aid in remedying them.

Sincerely yours,
D. J. GRAY
Denver, Colorado

Who's Who In American Chess

H. J. Ralston

Chess has a peculiar attraction for those of the medical profession, and in yielding to its fascination H. J. Ralston of San Francisco joins the company of many distinguished colleagues.

Born in San Francisco, Ralston took his degrees at the University of California and Harvard University, and now is Assistant Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco.

Traveling extensively in the U. S. Ralston is well known in many of the top-notch chess clubs throughout the country and has visited the leading clubs in England where he has become acquainted with Sir George Thomas and other leading chess figures in Great Britain.

As a player, he has not been spectacular, although a familiar figure in local San Francisco and California tournaments where he has always turned in a respectable score. But although he hopes to enter the next U. S. Open Tournament, Ralston has yet to play in his first national tournament.

A man of definite opinions, Ralston is on record as believing Alekhine in a class by himself as a player, and considering that Botvinnik and Keres, etc. were very lucky in the fact that Alekhine no longer bars their path to fame. He considers chess as a form of art, comparable to music and painting; and believing that no important music has been written since Beethoven, hopes that the death of Alekhine will not bring a similar fate to chess.

Ralph H. Kuhns

As a son of the President Emeritus of the USCF, Ralph H. Kuhns could hardly escape being a chess player. He learned chess early and has always been interested in the many phases of its organizational work.

Dividing his interest between chess and medicine, Ralph graduated from the University of Chicago and from Russ Medical College, and is now Attending Psychiatrist for the Veterans Administration Center in Los Angeles and Vice-President of the Veterans Administration

Ralph H. Kuhns
Medical Association of Southern California.

He served as secretary of the Chicago Beach Chess Club in 1933 where he also acted as assistant to Maurice S. Kuhns as director of the chess activities of the Century of Progress Exposition where a chess museum, an intercollegiate tournament, a record blindfold exhibition by Dr. Alekhine and an outdoor game of chess with living pieces in costume were some of the outstanding highlights.

Since then Ralph has served in many capacities; and is at present chess editor of the Los Angeles Athletic Club "Mercury" with a circulation of over 10,000; and is president of the Varo Chess Club. Two years ago he was prominent in the organizing of the Pan-American Chess Tournament at the Hollywood Athletic Club, sponsored by the California Chess Association and the Los Angeles Times.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

POOR RICHARD

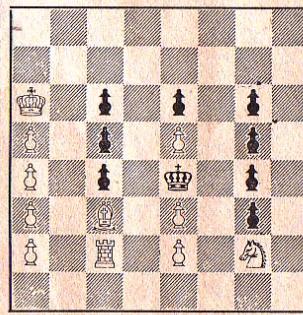
In the style of Ogden Nash
Who seems to have made quite a splash,
A chess club has the usual amount of collective sense
Divided unequally among its occupants.

—Reuben Buskager

PROBLEM Oddities are only one of many diverting facets of chess literature displayed in that fascinating collection entitled CHESS TALES (Longmans Green) by Professor Willard Fiske, who from 1857 to 1860 was editor of Chess Monthly. Space permits only the reprinting of two of these amusing chess puzzles, words by Professor Fiske and positions by the equally versatile Samuel Lloyd. As they originally appeared, they professed to be translations from an ancient manuscript obtained from a Latin monk in Jerusalem:

I
Arrange your white pieces and pawns, O lovers of the gentle art of chess, in battle array, as at the commencement of a game. Then tell me on what square the black monarch shall be placed in order to enable the player of the white forces to mate in three moves.

II



White to play and mate in four moves

Not far from the banks of the deep-flowing Indus, overshadowed by cloud-reaching mountains of Northern Hindustan, stand four time-worn pillars of marble. They mark the burial place of the inventor of chess. His disciples, to honor his memory and to express their gratitude, erected this monument styled: The Four Columns of Sissa.

Please turn to Page 4, column 2 for solutions.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

THE ART OF SACRIFICE IN CHESS By Rudolf Spielmann; McKay (\$3.00)

THE BASIS OF COMBINATION CHESS By J. DuMont; McKay (\$3.00)

David McKay, Philadelphia's gift to the chess-reading public, has again issued a pair of specialized volumes that go well together for the more advanced player and student of the game.

A fascinating aspect of chess, rapidly being lost in the exact style of master positional practice, is the sacrifice. Spielmann, an attacking player of the first water, was famed through 30 years of tournament play for his sacrificial lines. In this slim, but comprehensive book, "The Art of Sacrifice in Chess," the German master points out the "how" of sacrifices. He frankly warns that it is something that can not be learned in the way a set of opening lines is memorized. The book, however, does go a long way in guiding the beginner or expert in making a sound "sac," and rejecting a poor one. The book is broken down into a discussion of the types of sacrifice and the values of them. It is really thrilling reading and shows that Spielmann was motivated in his play by more than just a "feel" for the game. Much of the "brilliancies" of chess can be learned from it.

DuMont, widely known for his chess translations (Spielmann, above, for one), frankly states in his book, "The Basis of Combination in Chess": "My object has been to make combinations easier to understand and to conceive for those who have no natural gift for them." He warns that brilliantly played games can not be had every day, but adds that "the object of a combination, though many-sided, is perfectly clear-cut, and its means of attainment are capable of being analysed." Dr. Alekhine, greatly impressed by the book, said: "DuMont has carefully studied his flock. He is a master on his subject. Few books will be so useful to the beginner and the more advanced amateur as this novel study on the physiology of the chess pieces." The book takes the pieces singly, then in mixed pairs and sets. The fractional diagrams also lend an interesting note.

MY SYSTEM By Aron Nimzovich; McKay \$ (3.00)

If you are the kind that devotes the summer to one solid book on chess; a book that makes you sweat with work on the cool days and freeze with the logic of it all on the hot ones; then your book is now in print. It is "My System" by Aron Nimzovich, Caissa's "Stormy Petrel"—father of the hyper-modern school, published by David McKay Company. The editor is (who else?) CHESS LIFE's Fred Reinfeld.

As the sub-title points out, "My System" is "a treatise on chess," not just a book. The System could well afford to be made "Your System," for it is not just a few statements of the "control of the center" type. It is a theory of chess that led to the hyper-modernism of Reti and Alekhine; staying in line with Steinitz; bucking Tarrasch head-on.

Nimzovich is an interesting writer. The translation from the German has lost little in the change, keeping the humor and originality of the great Russian fairly well intact.

"My System" deals with ideas now considered basic to all chess play, although the designer of the Nimzovitch Defense and other lines bearing his name, stood alone for 20 years. The repetition of these principles is not a burden for "My System" explains them (interestingly) in the full and gives a much better concept of them than most chess texts, which are prone to make flat statements.

Of the elements Nimzovich deals with: center, play in open files, play in the seventh and eighth ranks, passed pawns, pins, discovered check, exchanging, and the pawn chain.

The second part deals with position play including the Pawns, both doubled and isolated; the center, the two Bishops (a must), and protection and weaknesses. The third part of the book is devoted to illustrative games: many of them gems not before seen in the light of the appended annotations.

LUDWIG RETAINS NEBRASKA TITLE; GREENE SECOND

In the Labor Day weekend Nebraska State Championship Tournament in the Colonial Room of the YMCA at Lincoln the defending champion, A. C. Ludwig (Omaha), retained his title with four wins and three draws for a score of 5½-1½, drawing with Greene, Spence and Underwood.

Second place went to L. M. Greene (Lincoln) with 5½-2, drawing with Ludwig and Spence, but losing to his fellow-towners, F. C. Swearingen, Lee Magee (Omaha) was third with 4½-2½, losing to Ludwig and Greene, and drawing with Spence.

Eight players participated in the round-robin tournament. The youngest was Jerry Belzer of Omaha at 13, and the oldest was L. M. Greene of Lincoln at 70, who placed second.

Nebraska State Tournament

A. Ludwig (Omaha)	5½-1½
L. Greene (Lincoln)	5½-2
L. Magee (Omaha)	4½-2½
J. Spence (Omaha)	4½-2½
H. Underwood (Omaha)	3½-3
F. Swearingen (Lincoln)	3-4
J. Belzer (Omaha)	2-5
R. Weare (Stamford)	1-6

57 ENTRIES VIED IN PENN. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

As reported in last issue of CHESS LIFE, A. DiCamillo successfully defended his crown as State Champion from fifty-six eager aspirants in the Pennsylvania State Tournament at Allentown. M. Yatron was a close second and J. Shaffer finished third.

In the seven-round Swiss tourney, Mrs. Mary Selensky retained her Women's Championship and Saul Wachs repeated as Junior Champion. The tournament was directed by USCF Collegiate Director, Milton Finkelstein of New York.

1947 Pennsylvania State Tournament

	Score Points
A. DiCamillo (Philadelphia)	6½-3 25.00
M. Yatron (Reading)	6-1 22.50
J. Shaffer (Philadelphia)	5½-1½ 16.50
H. Morris (Philadelphia)	5-2 12.50
E. Dreher (Willow Grove)	5-2 20.50
C. Gutekunst (Allentown)	5-2 20.00
C. French (Philadelphia)	5-2 18.00
W. Young (Allentown)	4½-2½ 17.50
D. C. Schrader (Philadelphia)	4½-2½ 16.75
W. M. Byland (Allentown)	4½-2½ 16.75
P. B. Dyer (Philadelphia)	4½-2½ 16.75
G. Blizard (Philadelphia)	4½-2½ 16.25
T. B. Eckendorf (Lancaster)	4½-2½ 15.00
G. Rheams (Philadelphia)	4½-2½ 11.25
M. S. Logan (Philadelphia)	4-3 14.00
F. Sorenson (Pittsburgh)	4-3 13.75
A. Regan (Philadelphia)	4-3 13.00
E. Faust (Fullerton)	4-3 12.75
D. B. Hatch (Altoona)	4-3 12.50
J. Firestone (Philadelphia)	4-3 12.50
G. McHale (Philadelphia)	4-3 12.50
E. Hanch (Northampton)	4-3 12.00
E. R. Clover (Wyndmoor)	4-3 11.50
R. C. Ziegler (Allentown)	4-3 10.75
Mrs. Mary Selensky (Philadelphia)	4-3 10.50
J. W. Stevenson (Carlisle)	3½-3½ 12.50
W. Wagner (Pittsburgh)	3½-3½ 12.25
G. Hartlieb (Erie)	3½-3½ 11.25
J. E. Nelson (Philadelphia)	3½-3½ 10.00
G. Frensky (Allentown)	3½-3½ 10.00
R. Knechtel (Reading)	3½-3½ 10.00
W. Nucker (State College)	3½-3½ 9.00
R. G. Wade (Philadelphia)	3½-3½ 6.75
J. Lorah (Hazleton)	3½-3½ 5.25
E. Moskovitz (Shamokin)	3½-3½ 4.75
R. R. McCready (Pittsburgh)	3-4 11.00
G. C. Erbe (Philadelphia)	3-4 8.50
J. D. French (Harrisburg)	3-4 7.75
P. Sherr (Allentown)	3-4 7.50
W. L. Arkless (Philadelphia)	3-4 7.25
P. Schwartz (Philadelphia)	3-4 7.00
W. Hall (Philadelphia)	3-4 7.00
R. L. Lipman (Philadelphia)	2-4 7.00
R. Mekelyan (Philadelphia)	2-4 6.75
L. C. Isenberg (Enola)	2-4 6.75
R. Olin (Erie)	2-4 6.25
H. Jesser (Philadelphia)	2-4 5.25
N. Nield (Reading)	2-4 3.25
E. Kish (Bradford)	2-4 1.25
A. Schieber (Hamburg)	2-4 5.00
A. N. Phillips (Philadelphia)	2-4 4.00
E. Ash (Philadelphia)	1½-5½ 3.25
D. Hawke (Lancaster)	1½-5½ 3.25
W. Stauffer (Elizabethtown)	1½-5½ 3.25
B. Buck (Nazareth)	0-7 0.00
E. Hinkle (Reading)	0-7 0.00

TWEEDDALE WINS SNOHOMISH CO. CHAMPIONSHIP

In convincing style with five wins, one loss and one draw Dean Tweeddale defeated the defending champion, Lawrence Taro, to become Snohomish County Champion. Tweeddale won the first three games to take a commanding lead, drew the fourth by missing the right continuation, lost the fifth, and bounded back to win the two remaining games.

MILAN HEADS TCA; HYDE, KENDALL OTHER OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Texas Chess Association in connection with the Southwestern Open Tournament at Ft. Worth, Ben Milan (San Antonio) was elected president for the ensuing year with Homer H. Hyde (San Antonio) as vice-president, and William N. Kendall (San Antonio) as second vice-president. J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie) was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

San Antonio was selected as scene of the 1948 Southwestern Open with the slogan "Who will go with old Ben Milan into San Antonio." The slogan dates back to the new TCA president's illustrious ancestor, Col. Ben R. Milan, who in 1835 asked that question of a Texas army, outnumbered by the Mexican force then encamped in the city. The answer was "I will" from the whole Texan army, and they took the city with the loss of only two men, one being Ben Milan. Texas expects as encouraging response for the 1948 tournament, but trusts that this time there will be no fatalities.

CANADA BESTS MINNEAPOLIS CHESS TEAM

As reported in last issue of CHESS LIFE a Canadian Chess Team, headed by D. A. Yanofsky and R. G. Wade, defeated the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club Team, led by G. S. Barnes and Dr. G. Koelsche, by a score of 15½-14½. The match was played at Detroit Lakes (Minn.) and was the seventh in the series which started in 1933 but was discontinued during the war. The U. S. has won four, Canada has won two, and one was tied.

Canada	United States
R. G. Wade	1
R. G. Wade	0
J. J. Dremann	1
J. J. Dremann	0
H. Yanofsky	1
H. Yanofsky	0
G. Blinder	1
G. Blinder	0
C. Noyes	1
C. E. Diesen	0
P. Slavin	1
D. Eliasoff	0
H. Frank	1
R. Haines	0
P. M. Chiswell	2
O. M. Oulman	3
C. French	1
C. French	0
H. Gruber	1
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H. Fineberg	0
K. Grant	1
C. Johansson, Jr.	1
H. Fruchtman	0
N. Selezene	1
S. Sorenson	0
G. Filkow	1
A. Aarhus	0
R. Moser	1
L. Miller	0
J. Matina	0
B. Barnes	1
O. A. Holt	0
D. Merritt	0
S. Rein	1
H. Lewis	0
M. Janowitz	1
N. S. Strelak	0
R. D. Hamond	1
G. Thorlakson	1
L. Fridell	0
W. E. Kaiser	1
C. Johansson, Sr.	1
B. R. Church	0
W. Moser	1
J. A. Baker	0
D. Kowal	1
J. A. Rowe	0
J. Erlichman	0
G. Stevens	1
J. Skulsky	0
U. S. Smith	1
L. Zarow	0
E. T. Baldwin	1
W. Nottso	0
L. Solem	1
Canada	15½
United States	14½

BRATTLE CLUB PLANS SEASON

The Brattle Chess Club of Cambridge (Mass.) reopens its fall season in Phillips Brooks House with elaborate plans for a very active session. Plans include a club tournament, a ladder tournament, lectures, and club matches, together with the possibility of entering a team in the Metropolitan League of Boston.

GERMANTOWN AVENGE'S DEFEAT BY LOG CABIN

On September 21 Germantown Chess Club defeated Log Cabin Club to avenge its previous loss. On the Germantown team were all three recent Pennsylvania Champions, State, Women's and Junior.

Germantown	Log Cabin
A. DiCamillo	1
W. McHale	½
C. French	½
J. W. Hall	0
R. Lippman	0
R. Mekelyan	0
L. C. Isenberg (Enola)	0
R. Olin (Erie)	0
H. Jesser (Philadelphia)	0
N. Nield (Reading)	0
E. Kish (Bradford)	0
A. Schieber (Hamburg)	0
A. N. Phillips (Philadelphia)	0
E. Ash (Philadelphia)	0
D. Hawke (Lancaster)	0
W. Stauffer (Elizabethtown)	0
B. Buck (Nazareth)	0
E. Hinkle (Reading)	0
Lawrence Taro	0
Dean Tweeddale	0
A. Portas	0
F. Howard	0
C. L. Neidrich	0
E. McCormick	0
H. Jones	0
B. Kozma	0
Mrs. M. Selensky	0
Germantown	½
Log Cabin	½

Chess Life

Sunday, October 5, 1947

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES: Walter Shipman, first board of the Columbia University chess team, has won the Junior Championship of the Manhattan Chess Club. His score of 7-1, 3 points ahead of runner-up Donald Byrne, included victories over George Kramer, Adolf Stern and Robert Byrne. It would be nice to see a match between Walter and Larry Friedman—this column favors Shipman to win such a match, in spite of his relatively poor showing in Cleveland last July.

It looks like either Jack Collins or Sven Almgren to win the Summer Tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club. This club, which now numbers Sussman, Seidman, Battell and other well known players in its roster, becomes stronger each season. Manhattan and Marshall Chess Clubs—watch out! Competition is on the way!

At the Marshall Chess Club, 47 players are entered in 7 preliminary sections of the club championship. The winners of these sections will compete with a seeded group which will include Hanauer, Santasiere, Flores, Larry Evans, Carl Pilnick and Harry Fajans. Among those who will probably qualify for the finals are Mrs. Gisella K. Gresser, former National Women's Champion, Kiven Plesset, Intercollegiate champ, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, and Nicholas Bakos, one of New York's new crop of junior experts.

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DOWLING VICTOR IN ST. PETE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

With a perfect score of 24 victories and no losses, E. J. Dowling becomes champion of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club.

J. Szold was second with 18-6 and George Jackson third with 17½-6½ in the tournament, which had sixteen players and was directed by J. M. Atkins.

To celebrate E. J. Dowling's victory, Dowling plans a month's visit to New York City, where he will seek the answer of a puzzle long intriguing St. Pete players. White has: K on KR8, B on K2, R on Q5 and Q on Q1. Black has: Q-RQ7, R on KKt1, Kt on K4. The problems is for White to force a win in 68 moves.

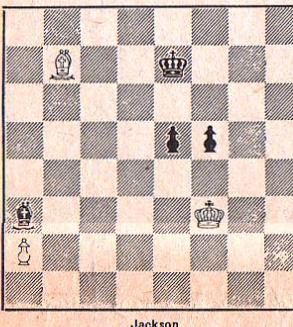


Sunday, October 5, 1947

SICILIAN DEFENSE4th Ohio State Championship
Columbus, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 L. JACKSON P-QB4 T. ELLISON P-Q3
 1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 2. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
 Logical and good would be 3. P-Q4; 4. PxP, QxP. The text allows White to obtain an advantage in the center.
 4. P-Q4 Q-Q3 5. Pxf6 BxKt
 5. Kt-B2 B-K3 6. Kt-K2
 The ugly-looking 9. Kt-K2 would actually be better. For White could then play 10. Kt-K3 and 11. P-B4 with a very powerful position.
 9. QxQ ch 10. P-B4 0-0
 10. P-QR3 11. B-K2 R-B5
 11. B-K2 Kt-B3 12. Kt-K2 R(1)-B1
 12. P-KR3 R-B1 13. RxR RxR
 13. O-O P-KK3 14. R-B1 Rxh6
 14. QR-B1 B-K2 15. BxKt Kt-B4
 15. B-Q4 Kt(4)-Q2 16. BxKt
 There was no reason to give up the advantage of the two Bs. With 22. P-K5 White had excellent winning chances. The text moves Bs of opposite colors and hence a probable draw.
 22. P-B5 24. Kt-B5
 23. Kt-Q3 P-B5
 This allows Black to win P. With opposite colored Bs, this is not always fatal.
 24. KtxQP 25. K-Q3 26. K-B3
 25. PxKt B-Q5 ch 27. K-B3
 26. K-B1 BxKt 28. K-B5
 27. P-Q6 BxP 29. BxP
 28. BxP BxP 30. BxP
 29. BxP B-K4 31. K-K2
 30. BxP B-R6 32. K-K2
 31. K-K2 B-R6 33. K-K3
 32. P-K4 K-K2 34. K-K4
 If 41., P-K5 ch; 42. BxP. So black plans to play his K to Q5 and then play P-K5, 42. B-K7 K-K4
 On 42., K-K3; 43. B-B8 ch and the K must return to K3.
 43. B-B6 K-K3 45. B-Q5 K-K2
 44. B-K7 K-B3 46. B-K7
 After 47. B-K7
 Ellison



Jackson 46. K-Q2 47. B-Q5 K-Q3
 Possible try would be 47. B-B8; 48. P-4, B-Q7; 49. K-K2, B-R4; 50. K-B3, B-B2; 51. K-B7, K-Q3; but 52. B-B8, P-K5 ch; 53. K-B4 draws. On 51., K-B2!; 52. B-Q6; 53. K-B7, K-B4; 54. B-B8, P-K5 ch; 55. K-K3 draws.

45. B-K7 K-B4 49. B-B8 P-B5
 After this the game is an obviously forced draw. The Black P's can never be advanced.

50. B-K7 K-Q5 55. P-R6 K-K4
 51. B-R8 K-Q6 56. B-K4 K-K4
 52. B-K7 B-B8 57. B-R7 K-K4
 53. P-R4 B-K6 58. B-K76 Drawn
 54. P-R5 K-B5

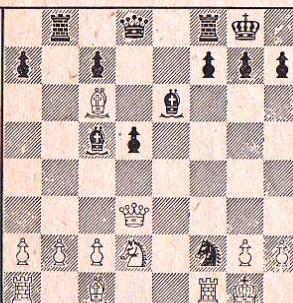
TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE
Illinois State Championship
Chicago, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 E. MICHELSSEN A. SANDRIN
 1. P-K4 P-K4 4. O-O Kt-P
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 5. P-Q4 P-Q4
 3. B-B4 Kt-KB3 6. B-K5
 This does not seem best at the game shows. Possibly 6. R-K1, PxP; 7. BxP, QxP; Kt-B3 is best.
 6. PxP 8. Kt-K5 KB-B4!
 7. QxP KxP; 9. Q-Q3
 If 9. KtxKt, BxQ; 10. KtxQ ch, KxKt and Black remains a P ahead.

After 12. KtxP!

Sandrin



Micelsen 9. O-O 11. BxP R-K1
 10. KtxKt PxKt 12. Kt-Q2 KtxP!
 White's underdevelopment is his undoing.
 13. R-K3 14. B-K5
 On 14. B-R4, BxP ch; 15. KxB, Q-R5 ch and 16. QxB, White is lost.
 14. Q-R5 22. K-K2 Q-K7 ch.
 15. P-PK3 BxP ch. 23. K-K3 R-B6 ch.
 16. KxB QxR ch. 24. K-Q4 RxQ ch.
 17. K-K1 B-R6 25. BxR QxKIP
 18. K-K1 R-K3 ch. 26. B-K3 P-QB4
 19. B-K3 BxKt 27. K-Q2 Q-K7 ch.
 20. KxB Q-R8 ch. 28. B-K2 R-K1
 21. B-K1 R-B3 ch. 29. R-K1 P-Q5
 Resigns

Deciding game of a playoff for the title.

Tournament LifeConducted by
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Rochester 3, New York**SLAV DEFENSE**
New York State Championship
Endicott, 1947

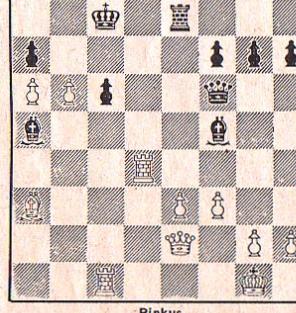
Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

White Black
 A. S. PINKUS M. HERZBERGER
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. BxP B-QK5
 2. P-QB3 8. O-O QK1-Q2
 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 9. Q-K2 Kt-K5
 4. Kt-B3 PxP 10. KtxKt BxKt
 5. P-QR4 B-B4 11. R-Q1 Q-K2
 6. P-K3 P-K3 12. Kt-K1 O-O-O
 Black has the illusion that he has the better development and that his Q-side is safe. The worst feature of the move is that the usual counterplay starting with P-QB4 is impossible, 13. P-KB3 B-Q4

To force exchange of the QB which otherwise gets buried on Kt3. 14. B-Q3 is answered by 14. B-K1; 15. BxP, BxP; 16. Kt-QB2 Kt-QK3 17. PxKt B-K3
 18. P-QR3 P-K4 18. P-QR6
 19. P-QR5 KtxB
 The attempt to win a piece by P-QB5 would lead to a rude awakening after 18. BxP; 19. KtxB, BxP; 20. QxP, PxP and Black has the better of it. The text move is the first of a series of hammer blows. Black now knows he is lost and tries to lay a trap.
 18. P-QK3 20. B-R3 0-B3
 19. R-Kt! B-R4 21. B-P5 PxOP
 Unfortunately 21. P-Kt4 is impossible because of 22. R-RxKtP, PxR; 23. QxP and if 23. BxP, Q-K7 ch, K-K2; 26. PxP ch, curtains.
 22. KtxP B-B4 24. PxP RxKt
 23. R-QB1 KR-K1 25. RxR

After 25. RxR

Herzberger



Pinkus 25. BxKt
 If 25. QxP; 26. PxQ, RxQ; 27. PxP and the R queens 25. BxKtP is a last attempt; if now 26. R-B4, RxKP and Black has chances but—
 26. B-Q6 QxR 28. B-Q2! Resigns
 27. BxQ RxKP

A game for the books, "Black bottles his Q-side and pays the penalty in 28 moves" (Helms).

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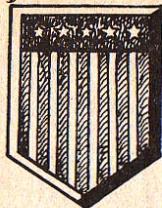
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SLAV DEFENSE
Susquehanna Cup Match
Endicott, 1947

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

White Black
 C. F. REHBERG M. HERZBERGER
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Kt-QB3 PxP
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 5. P-QR4
 3. Kt-B3 PxP 6. Kt-K5
 4. Kt-B3 P-K3 7. BxP BxKt
 5. P-QR4 B-B4 8. Kt-K5
 6. P-K3 P-K3 9. Kt-K5
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Chess Player Sets Example!

ADAMS REGAINS NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Labor Day weekend New England Championship Tournament at the Boston City Club, Weaver W. Adams regained his crown as the New England Champion—a title that Adams lost last year by journeying to Russia on the U. S. Team during the time the 1946 New England Tournament was held.

Adams won seven and a half games out of a possible eight in the eight-round Swiss meeting and obtained permanent possession of the big silver rook trophy, since this was his third victory; the others were in 1942 and 1945.

Twenty-four players competed in the tourney which, though not as large as previous years, was just as strong in caliber of players. Robert Byrne, defending 1946 champion, finished second with 6½-1½ and S. Rubinow third with 5½-2½. Five players tied with 5-3, but under the Sonneborn-Berger system Mott was awarded fourth place, Mitchell fifth, Nagy sixth, Hubert seventh and Bolton eighth.

One of the highlights of the meet was the first round victory of Massachusetts State Junior Champion John Hubert over Milton Kagan. The upset so jolted Kagan that he lost four more games and finished near the bottom of the list.

New England Championship

Adams	7½	Lester	4-4
Byrne, R.	6½-1½	Hand	4-4
Rubinow	5½-2½	Daly	3½-4½
Mott	5-3	Little	3½-4½
Mitchell	5-3	Hobson	3½-4½
Nagy	5-3	Sharp	3½-4½
Hubert	5-3	Fitz	3½-4½
Bolton	5-3	Kagan	3-5
Palm	4½-3½	Owen	2½-5½
Pritchard	4½-3½	Vittum	2-6
Harris	4-4	Teodorson	1-7
Wysowski	4-4	Patterson	3-7½

The tournament was directed by Waldo L. Waters, Boston chess columnist.

MANHATTAN VS. BUENOS AIRES BY RADIO-PHONE

In a match by radio-telephone scheduled for November 2, the Manhattan Chess will challenge the famous Jockey Club of Buenos Aires according to an announcement by President Maurice Wertheim. Members of the Manhattan team, which will play in the Manhattan Club quarters, have not yet been announced but Sidney F. Kenton, tournament director, will serve as team captain.

The Argentine players for the Jockey Club will include such South American experts as Najdorf, Stahlberg, Maderna, Michel, Dalaio, Guimard, Bolbochan, Pilnik, Piazzini and Illiesco.

KEENEY CONDUCTS CHESS LIFE PROBLEM DEPT.

Dr. P. G. Keeney, internationally famous problem composer, whose column in the Cincinnati Inquirer gained world recognition, has accepted the post of Problem Editor for CHESS LIFE. The initial column will appear shortly and be a regular feature of CHESS LIFE.

BEGIN FINALS OF 49th C.C.L.A. 'NORTH AMERICAN'

After eliminating over one hundred of their fellow League-members, preliminary round section winners in the seven classes into which members of the Correspondence Chess League of America are divided, are now competing in the Finals of the 49th annual North American Class Championships, according to CCLA Tournament Director, J. W. Jenkins, Newark, New York.

Winners of the various preliminary round sections are as follows:

- Class "AA"
 - 1. C. F. Tears, Dallas, Texas (6½-1)
 - 2. Dr. H. O. Ellis, Chico, Calif. (7-0)
 - 3. Theodore Angel, Elmhurst, N. Y. (6-1)
 - 4. W. M. P. Mitchell, Brookline, Mass. (5-0)
 - Class "A"
 - 1. Joseph Frigon, Kirkland, Wash. (6-1)
 - 2. Samuel Lawrence, Brooklyn, N. Y. (6½-1)
 - 3. A. G. Pearson, Chula Vista, Calif. (5-0)*
 - 4. B. B. Wisegarver, So. Pasadena, Calif. (6-0)
 - Class "C"
 - 1. W. H. Lacey, Jr., Detroit, Mich. (7-1)**
 - 2. W. H. Lacey, Jr., Detroit, Mich. (8-0)**
 - Class "D"
 - 1. H. M. Graney, Los Angeles, Calif. (6-0)
 - 2. W. A. Hough, Rocky Hill, Conn. (6½-1)
 - 3. L. S. Brightman, Montpelier, Vt. (5-1)
 - Class "E"
 - 1. T. S. Watkins, Kansas City, Kas. (8-0)**
 - Class "F"
 - 1. L. Kendall, S. Ochampaugh, H. C. Leonard, still playing.
- (* With one game yet to complete.
(**) Automatic Class Champion.

STUDENT CHESS OPENS SEASON AT UNIV. OF OKLA.

With twenty-five members signed up, the Student Chess Club of the University of Oklahoma began its fall chess season with a bang. Reed Payne was elected president, Lee Hendrix vice-president, and Bill Pitts secretary-treasurer. Faculty sponsor is Dr. Kester Svendson, secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma Chess Association and USCF Director. The club plans matches with chess clubs in Oklahoma City, Lawton, Tulsa and elsewhere.

At the second meeting Dr. Svendson demonstrated the Knight's Tour blindfolded and played one blindfolded game. Thereafter he played nine simultaneous games, permitting consultations, and scored six wins, one draw and two adjournments.

PHILA. LEAGUE SET FOR SEASON

The Philadelphia Chess League season got under way on October 10 with the Mid-City Chess Club and Abington YMCA scheduled to fire the opening gun. Seven teams will vie for the championship now held by the Mercantile Library team. Contenders for the crown will consist of the Abington YMCA Chess Club, Mid-City Chess Club, North City Chess Club, Germantown YMCA Reds, Germantown YMCA Blues, and Franklin Chess Club.

Heavily favored to capture this year's title is the Germantown Red team which will feature all three State Champions (A. DiCamillo, Saul Wachs, and Mrs. Mary Selensky) in their line-up.

"Not What We Give But What We Share"

SERIOUS is the plight which has befallen many of our European chess friends. Readers of CHESS LIFE who have enjoyed playing over the games of these men may wish to send CARE packages to relieve their distress.

Following are the names and addresses of deserving chess masters. Other names will be submitted by the F.I.D.E. delegates of Europe and published in later issues:

Hans Mueller	Ernst Gruenfeld
Koepelweg 9	Schottenfeldgasse 86
Vienna XIV, Austria	Vienna VII, Austria
Joseph Lokvenz	Kurt Richter
Bei Hoellriegl	Donhoffstrasse 29
Burgstrasse 30	Berlin Karlshorst
Vienna VII, Austria	Germany
Hans Keller	
Braungasse 22	
Vienna XVII, Austria	

CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.) offers a non-profit service of delivering—at \$10.00 each—packages of food or blankets from stockpiles maintained in Europe. Delivery is guaranteed or money is refunded. Order forms and description of package contents may be obtained from CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York City.

The need is great. Let's extend a helping hand.

PAUL G. GIERS,
Executive Vice-President,
The United States Chess Federation.

CLEVELAND HOST TO TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The second Tri-State Championship Tournament for the ranking players of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia will be held at Cleveland on November 8-10. Six players, victor and runner-up in the recent State Championships, will compete in this triangular event which was held last year at Pittsburgh with Milton Q. Ellenby of Ohio as victor and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of West Virginia as runner-up.

This year's big six will be Tommy Ellison (Cleveland) and Lawrence Jackson, Jr. (Toledo) for Ohio; Attilio DiCamillo (Philadelphia) and Mike Yatron (Reading) for Pennsylvania; H. Landis Marks and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer (Huntington) for West Virginia. In case that one of these cannot attend, the next ranking player from his state will replace him.

LAKE CO. PLANS INTER-CITY CHESS

Plans for an intercity series of matches have been laid by E. A. Binner, program director of the Lake County (Ohio) YMCA. The program advances a tentative schedule of matches to be held at Erie, Painesville and Akron with the Erie Chess Club, the Firestone Chess and Checker Club, and the Lake County Y Chess Club as the participating teams. Plans include a tri-city match at Painesville.

BUFFALO CHESS HAS MOVING DAY TO DOWNTOWN Y

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Chess Club staged a moving day and transferred quarters from the Hotel Lafayette to the Downtown YMCA in Buffalo. Election of officers resulted in Norman C. Wilder president, Richard S. Maisel vice-president, Daniel F. Rechlin treasurer, Robert J. Shea secretary, and Phil J. Mary assistant secretary.

Always active, the Buffalo Club has recently defeated the Gambit Chess Club (Toronto) 10-6 in Buffalo, drawing a return match in Toronto 6-6, bested Rochester 7-2 in Buffalo and lost the return match in Rochester 5½-7½. A match with the strong Erie Chess Club is scheduled in Buffalo for October 19.

HOUSTON MORPHY FINDS NEW HOME

The Houston Morphy Chess Club (Houston) has leased full-time quarters at 2204 Fannin in a spacious suite of rooms.

First meeting in the new home was October 7 at which occasion election of officers resulted in Harry McCleary president, N. D. Naman vice-president, Mevis R. Smith treasurer, B. J. Arneaux secretary, James P. Boatner asst. treasurer and Dr. A. B. Strozier, Jr. asst. secretary.

Mevis Smith is the present Houston City Champion, having won the title three times in a row.

B. CZAIKOWSKI COMPILES RECORD IN VETERAN CHESS

With tireless zeal Bruno Czaikowski of Chicago has set a notable record in the "Chess for Veterans" program and holds one of the coveted Red Cross Awards conferred for devoting over 1000 actual hours in work with the wounded veterans.

This month saw the completion of one year of constant attendance at the Hines V. A. Hospital where every Sunday Bruno Czaikowski arrives promptly at 2:00 p.m. to play chess and checkers with the veterans in the various wards, ending each evening with a simultaneous exhibition in the auditorium where he meets as many patients as wish to play against him.

In addition to his visit to Hines every week, Czaikowski has devoted each Friday for over three years to the V. A. Downey Hospital; and previous to its closing for three years or more was a "regular" at the Gardiner General Hospital. During the war he also played at the Chicago Service Men's Center during the five years of its existence.

Bruno Czaikowski is better known in Chicago chess circles, since he is modest, as founder and president for many years of the Chicago City Chess League and as treasurer of the Chicago Chess and Checker Club.

MONTRÉAL GIRDS FOR FALL CHESS COMPETITION

The Montreal Chess League in its reorganization meeting laid plans for a full round of chess events including a city championship, a speed tournament, radio and telephone matches, and inter-club competition. E. Brisebois was elected president, M. Guze vice-president, P. Brunet secretary, and D. M. LeDain and P. Brunet publicity directors.

The 1947 Montreal Open Championship tournament resulted in a tie between five players for first place with scores of 5½-1½ each. In all forty-six players contested in the seven round Swiss tourney. The five tied winners are: P. Brunet, E. Davis, M. Guze, Dr. J. Rauch and W. Tannenbaum. These will complete a final round robin tournament at the En Passant Chess Club to determine the champion.

Planned for Thanksgiving weekend is a Provincial Quebec Championship tournament at Montreal to consist of a six-round Swiss, which is expected to attract a strong group of players.

MORAL—JOIN A CHESS CLUB!

The Los Angeles papers report the case of Henry J Gordon who was held in jail on the report of his wife that he held her prisoner ten days by threatening her with a knife and gun, and forced her to play chess with him. Wives should heed this warning and make chess-playing husbands join the nearest chess club.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

"A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing"

THE famous Viennese master Gruenfeld is reputed to know thousands of opening variations by heart. On the few occasions when he chooses to be original, the results are not always happy. A case in point:

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Vienna, 1946

White	Black
GALIA	E. GRUENFELD
1 P-K4	P-QB3
2 Kt-B3	Kt-QB3
3 P-Q4	PxP
4 KtP	Kt-QB3
5 Kt-QB3	P-K4

This move is frowned upon by the theorists, for it leaves a backward Queen's Pawn and a hole at Black's Q3.

6 Kt(4)-K5 P-Q3

7 P-QR4

7 B-K5; P-QR3; 8 BxKt PxB; 9 Kt-R3 (Tarrasch-Janowski, Vienna, 1898) was an attractive alternative. If then 9 ..., PQKt4; 10 Kt-Q5 with a fine game for White.

7 Kt-R3 P-QR3

8 B-K3

A tense struggle is in the offing. Black wants to force ..., P-Q4, thus ridding himself of the weak Pawn. Hence White's retort:

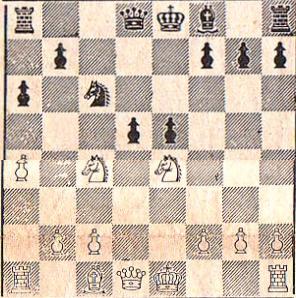
9 B-B4 BxB

10 KtBxKt KtP?

A neat combination, which wins ... for White!

11 KtKt P-Q4

Regaining the piece and ridding himself of the weakness. But there is a stunning surprise!



12 B-Kt5!! P-B3

Petition in bankruptcy. However, on 12 ..., B-K2 or 12 ..., Kt-K2 White checks at Q6 with an easy win.

13 BxP! PxP!

The icing on the cake. If now 14 ..., QxQ; 15 KtxPch coming out two Pawns ahead.

14 B-K2 BxKt

15 Kt(K4)-Q6 ch Kt-Q5

15 ..., Kt-B1 allows mate on the move. 15 ..., Kt-Q2 loses the Queen.

16 KtxB ch K-K2

17 O-O-O Kt-Q5

18 RxKt! Resigns

For if 18 ..., PxKt; 19 R-K1 ch winning as in the previous note. A frolicsome affair.

LEHIGH VALLEY DOES IT AGAIN TO GERMANTOWN

Undefeated in five years of match play, the Lehigh Valley Chess Association (Allentown, Pa.) invaded Philadelphia October 4 and kept its string of victories intact by defeating an unusually powerful Germantown YMCA team by the surprising score of 7-4.

Topping the Lehigh Valley victories was the win of former State Champion Herman Hesse over the present Champion Attilio DiCamillo, while Germantown's best game was produced by 14-year-old Dale Brandreth in an 11-move win over J. Goddess.

Lehigh Valley Germantown YMCA
H. Hesse 1 A. DiCamillo 0
T. Guttmann 0 W. Metzler 1
D. Brandreth 1 C. French 0
V. Bernier 1 S. Wache 1
G. French 1 W. Arkless 0
S. Hauck 1 T. Schofield 0
A. Rex 1 B. Ash 0
J. Lynch 0 W. Hall 1
P. Sherr 1 H. Ferriss 0
P. Randall 1 J. Nelson 0
J. Goddess 0 D. Brandreth 1
Lehigh 7 Germantown 4

CLEVELAND CHESS ELECTS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEET

At the annual meeting of the Cleveland Chess Association at the Central YMCA the recommendations of the Nominating Committee were accepted unanimously to provide the following slate of officers for the ensuing year: Al Martens president, Jacob Worz first vice-president, Ernest Mehwald second vice-president, Mrs. Charles Kelly secretary, Harold J. Killmeyer, Jr. treasurer, and Harald Miller corresponding secretary.

In addition the following were elected: Milan Kontosh as League Match Play Director, and Ernest Mehwald as Industrial League Director. There was no change in the Cleveland Chess Bulletin staff which remains under the capable direction of Edward F. Johnson as Editor, Max Gabor as Industrial News Editor, Edgar Holladay as Problem Editor, and Earl H. Benjamin as Publisher.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Long-awaited Cleveland Chess Championship Trophy to City Champion Tommy Ellison, who also holds the Ohio State Championship title.

MECHANICS INST. BESTS COMBINED NORTH BAY TEAM

By crushing the last ten boards 9-1, the Mechanics Institute Chess Club of San Francisco scored a 12½-½ victory over the North Bay Association Chess Team, composed of players from Sacramento, Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Jose, Modesto, and Vallejo. The victory reiterated the well-known fact that the strong Mechanics Institute (remembered by Dr. Alekhine as the toughest club he faced in simultaneous in America) remains the king of chess in Northern California.

Mechanics Institute	North Bay Ass'n
Capps	1
Pink	1
Simon	1
Clarke	1
Babg	0
Loewy	0
Donnelly	0
Smith	0
Johnson	1
Svalberg	1
Cawell	1
Malone	0
Ralston	1
Austin	0
Tromberth	0
Sosnick	1
Smook	1
Leeds	1
Hulgren	1
Peterson	1
Sprague	0
Mechanics	12½
North Bay	5½

Mechanics 12½ North Bay 5½

TORONTO LEAGUE SET FOR SEASON

The Toronto League opens its season with six teams in the Major Division: Beaches, Gambit, Hart House, Hungarians, Queen City and Toronto. The Intermediate Division has nine teams with Beaches, Central YMCA, Gambit, Hart House, Hungarians, National Employment Service, St. Jude's, Toronto, and West End. The Minor Division has six teams with Castle, Gambit, Hart House, National Employment Service, Star, and West End.

The Toronto Championship Tournament commences on October 15 at the Gambit Chess Club, and the annual Ontario Speed Tournament is scheduled for October 26 at the Gambit Chess Club.

Say You Saw It In CHESS LIFE.



George S. Barnes (left) notes down his move while Dan Yanofsky ponders in the recent Minnesota vs. Canada Team Match at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, won by Canada with the score of 15½ to 14½.

NOT EVEN ALEKHINE!

By Milton Finkelstein

CHESS players in New York seem to follow a curious pattern of development. I remember the days, 10 years ago, when I visited the chess concession at Coney Island. I was then captain of my high school team, and a conscientious student of MCO's 5th edition. In fact, I was sure I knew every opening well enough to gain an equal position against anyone.

A young man only a few years older than myself was playing for the house, and giving rook odds to all comers. Well, not even Alekhine could give me a rook! I played, and lost three games before I called quits. "What's your name?" I asked my opponent. "Pavey," he replied, "Max Pavey."

This story's point was brought home to me recently. I had dropped into the Marshall Chess Club, where I heard several of the youngsters discussing the vastness of their book knowledge. "Why," said one of them, "Not even Reshevsky could give me a rook!" Yes, I played and won three games from him at rook odds. This certainly makes me a Pavey, but it does allow for the repetition of an ancient clue to chess wisdom:—"Experience is a better teacher!"

Men Who Work For Chess

By John D. French

John L. Costello, Jr.

Though young Lochinvar came "out of the West," the newest young leader in the cause of Caissa comes from the East: Hummelstown, a little borough near Harrisburg, capital of Pennsylvania.

Although he is young, 17-year-old John L. "Jack" Costello, Jr., has won a highly coveted honor in the field of chess already. He is a Life Member of the United States Chess Federation, won through his being one of the three biggest and best "member-getters" during the recent "Chess Month" (February) drive.

Jack has the proud record of teaching chess to 85 fellow high (and even grammar) school students in Hummelstown. Most of these were direct teaching jobs. Jack likes to see his own work in action and is still not too sure of his helpers. He subscribes to the theory that "it's easier to do it yourself than teach someone else."

Little more than a year ago he entered the Harrisburg Chess Club, a rather so-so player with little book knowledge and almost no over-the-board experience.

A few months ago he finished in a tie for first place in the club championships, having run through 20 games with one loss and a single draw. The loss was to a CCLA "AA" player; the draw to the club president, John D. French, whose pupil Costello is.

In the finals Costello was handicapped with the business of being graduated from high school and playing a double round-robin with the other two high men and the seeded defending champion. He finished a close third.

In addition to his USCF honors, Jack is Pennsylvania State Chess Federation chairman of scholastic chess after helping organize a Central Pennsylvania Chess League and a state-wide relationship of school players; and chairman of a PSCF finance committee to promote junior chess in the commonwealth. He stands fair to play a leading role in college chess from his post at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., this fall and the succeeding three years.

He has already started his missionary work outside the Keystone State by accepting a position as a supervisor at a Hudson River Valley boys camp near New York City, where junior chess should show a definite increase by the end of the outdoor season.

ARHEART WINS PICCADILLY CLUB GRAND RATING

In the final standings of the Piccadilly (Willernie, Minn.) Chess Club Grand Rating Tournament victory went to Bud Arheart with a percentage of 71.50 for six wins, one draw and fifteen losses. As percentages are based on a rating system whereby a player wins or loses points according to the standing of his opponent, the final results show some novelties with the victor of eighteen games, two losses and two draws, earning only 19.00 points for ninth place.

Grand Rating Tournament

	Score Points
Bud Arheart	63-15 71.50
Don Wilzbacher	7-11 67.50

Score Percent

U. S. Smith 60-21½ 75%

A. L. Johnson 41-119 68%

V. G. Lowe, Jr. 73-55 24.00

Art Cheesak 8-12 6.25

L. Johnson 10-63 17.50

U. S. Smith 19-100 19.00

Kenny Moen 7-8 16.50

Don Maher 23-43 2.50

Ronny Ribeau 0-6 0.00

Explanation of the odd alignment of Piccadilly winners and losers may be gained from studying the results of the Annual Percentage Tournament:

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Join the USCF. It is always a sound opening move.

Chess Life

Monday, October 20, 1947

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE championship preliminary tournaments at the Marshall Chess Club draw to a close, and the list of qualifiers is the more interesting because of the new players, many of them juniors, who have come to the fore. These include Howard Harrison, DeWitt Clinton High School ace; L. Bedder-tee and Franklin Howard. The players to watch in the finals are Carl Pilnick (who finished ahead of State Champion Pinkus in the last Manhattan Chess Club Tournament), Nathan Halper, a powerful natural player, and Dr. Mengarini, whose growing talent is about ready to explode a few of the better-known masters.

The national prominence given to the exploits of the masters in the big clubs tends to blind us to the fact that there are many fine players in smaller groups throughout New York. The opening of the Commercial Chess League season, with 16 teams of four participating, brings this point home again. I am reminded of the occasion, five years ago, when the Intercollegiate Chess League, seeking an easy victory and new prestige, played a 13-board match against the Commercial team headed by N. L. Hogenauer of the Central-Hanover Bank. We brought our best players down, but a team including Pilnick, Sol Weinstock, Daniel Levine and the writer was neatly defeated, and by a group of players whose names were quite new to most of us. And, despite the presence of college players like Shipman, Byrne, and Kramer, I'm afraid the Commercial League could do it again today!

New York masters are showing a keen interest in the USCF national ratings system being completed by Arpad Elo. Such players as Willard, Shainswit, Seidman, and the younger players who have been zooming of late, are eagerly awaiting this first national listing, which will set new goals for every player to aim at.

For The Tournament-Minded

November 1

C. C. L. A.

Special Leadership Tournament (Correspondence Chess)

Entry fee \$2.00, one round correspondence match, nine players to section; open to CCLA members only, membership fee \$3.50.

November 1

C. C. L. A.

Regular Leadership Tournament (Correspondence Chess)

Entry fee \$1.50, one round correspondence match, seven players to section; open to CCLA members only, membership fee \$3.50.

Send entry fees for either tournament (and membership dues, if not member) to: Dick Rees, Secretary, Correspondence Chess League of America, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City, Iowa.

EN PASSANT WINS MATCH WITH R. A.

On September 28 the En Passant Club (Montreal) visited the R. A. Chess Club (Ottawa) and repaid the hospitality by defeating the Ottawa group by a score of 7-2.

En Passant Ottawa 0

Randall Palmer 0

MacLean Wilson 0

LeDain Toews 0

Guze Pouliot 0

Tanguay Montgomery 0

Brisebois Bergeron 0

Grisbo Collacott 0

Padlone Howard 0

En Passant Ottawa 2

SICILIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White M. ALEMAN **Black** I. KASHDAN
 1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. P-Q4 P-KP
 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 5. Kt-KP P-K3
 3. Kt-B3 Kt-KB3

With this move Black takes it upon himself to play the difficult Scheveningen variation.

4. Kt-K2 P-QB4 7. Kt-K5
 Now White turns into the Richter attack, but deviates at his next move because the original Richter attack continues with Q-Q2 and O-O-O.

7. B-K2 10. Q-Q2 Kt-B3
 8. O-O Q-B2 11. Kt-K3
 9. P-QR4 0-0

White loses time by maneuvering around. In the Sicilian time is on the Black side, and White must attack as soon as possible on the K-side. Therefore he could have saved himself the last few moves and played instead Kt-K1 and P-B4.

11. P-QK3 14. QP-Q1 Kt-Q1
 12. O-Q3 B-K2 15. B-K3 Kt-QK5!
 13. O-K3 K-R1

Attacking the KP and the QBP, White's answer is forced.

14. B-Q3 KtBx 20. B-Q3 P-QK4
 17. PxKt B-B3 21. Pxp Pxp
 18. Kt-Q4 B-K2 22. P-KK4
 19. P-B4 Q-K2!

White has realized that without Ps he cannot storm the Black position.

20. P-K5 24. Pxp
 23. QKt-K2 P-K4

This exchange is not called for. Why should White help Black to get rid of his backward QP?

24. Pxp 26. B-K5 R-F3

25. Kt-B5 B-B1 27. P-R4 R-B1

Almost unnoticed Black has seized the initiative.

22. P-R5 Kt-K1

Not less than five Black pieces are posted on his first row, a position à la Steinitz. However the Black game seems preferable. He has the two B's and no weaknesses.

29. K-R1 R-B7 31. R-Q2
 30. B-B1 B-R5

White should avoid exchanges, not offer them. Under all circumstances should he try to take up his interrupted K-side attack with R-Rf1 and possibly P-Kt5-Kt6, etc.

31. P-K5 Q-B2 32. Kt-K3 Bxp
 32. KtP-Q1 Rfxr 33. P-Q4 B-B5!
 33. PxR P-QB3 36. B-K3

Black threatened BxKt and Rbxch.

36. P-B3 39. P-R6 P-K13

37. P-Q5 R-R3 40. Kt-K3

38. P-K15 P-K16

Instead 40. Kt2-Kt3 had to be considered, to attack at all cost, but it is impossible to predict the result of this sacrifice.

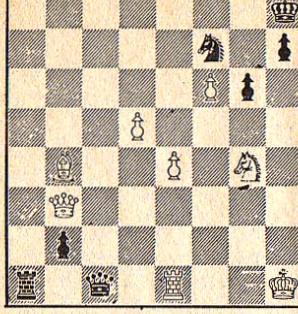
40. BxKt 44. B-B6 P-Q2
 41. P-B3 R-B2 45. Kt-K4 P-K7
 42. Pxp KtRpx 46. R-K1 B-K5
 43. RxP Kt-B2 47. R-B8 R-R8

In the last few moves White has been pushed back more and more.

48. Q-QK3 Q-B8

After 48., Q-B8

Kashdan



1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-Q5 3. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 4. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 5. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 6. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 7. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 8. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 9. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 10. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 11. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 12. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 13. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 14. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 15. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 16. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 17. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 18. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 19. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 20. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 21. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 22. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 23. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 24. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 25. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 26. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 27. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 28. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 29. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 30. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 31. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 32. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 33. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 34. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 35. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 36. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 37. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 38. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 39. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 40. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 41. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 42. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 43. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 44. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 45. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 46. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 47. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 48. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 49. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 50. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 51. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 52. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 53. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 54. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 55. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 56. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 57. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 58. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 59. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 60. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 61. Kt-B3 Kt-Q5 62. Kt-K2 Kt-B3 63. 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Illinois Wins Four-State Match

FOUR STATE TEAM MATCH SEES STRONG ARRAY OF PLAYERS

Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin

Compete For Chess Team Honors

First of a series of annual team tournaments was held at the Hotel Roosevelt in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 18-19 with the Iowa State Chess Association acting as host to four five-man teams from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin. W. Vanderburg of Cedar Rapids acted as representative of the Iowa Chess Association in arranging all details of the team tournament.

Illinois won the match by scoring three victories with a team headed by State Champion Albert Sandrin and former State Champion Lewis J. Isaacs. Nebraska was second with two victories and one defeat and her team was led by State Champion Alfred Ludwig and Omaha City Champion Delmar Saxton (CCLA 1937 Grand National Champion). Wisconsin with a team led by former State Champion Arpad Elo and runner-up in the last State Championship L. Ayers placed third with one victory and two defeats, while the Iowa team acted as perfect hosts in conceding victories to all three visitors.

ROUND ONE

Illinois	Wisconsin
Al. Sandrin 1	L. Ayers 0
L. J. Isaacs 3	A. Powers 0
E. Davidson 1	A. Elo 3
F. Stoppel 1	R. Liebig 0
P. Adams 0	R. Schmidt 1
Illinois 3½	Wisconsin 1½
Iowa	Nebraska
P. Gilbertson 10	G. Halsey 1
E. Lenz 0	D. Saxton 0
G. Vanderburg 0	A. Ludwig 1
A. Louis 0	L. Magee 1
W. Sedal 0	H. Underwood 1
Iowa 0	Nebraska 5

braska) scored two victories each, and Powers and Elo (Wisconsin) and Saxton (Nebraska) each had one win and two draws.

Chicagoan Arnold Tuckler missed the train for the match in attending his Saturday University classes, and in the first round his place was ably filled by ISCA Secretary Paul Adams who drew with R. Schmidt.

LEGGETT WINS MARITIME CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thanksgiving week-end (Canadian) fifteen players from three Maritime provinces met at Moncton (N.B.) in a seven round Swiss tournament to decide the Maritime Championship of Eastern Canada. Maynard Leggett (Moncton) won the title and the coveted Colpitts Trophy by virtue of victory in his personal encounter with Morris Elman (Saint John), as the two were tied in points with 5½-½ each.

Third place went to Robert LeBel (Plaster Rock), former New Brunswick Champion with 5-2. Fourth place went to O. M. MacConnell (Halifax), former Maritime Champion, with 4½-½; while J. Davidson (Dieppe) placed fifth with 4½-½. The tournament was directed by George Doyle (Saint John), secretary of the Canadian Chess Federation.

Maritime Championship

M. Leggett (Moncton) 5½-½
M. Elman (Saint John) 5½-½
R. Lebel (Plaster Rock) 5-2
O. M. MacConnell (Halifax) 4½-½
J. Davidson (Dieppe) 4½-½
H. McLaren (Saint John) 3½-½
M. Davidson (Saint John) 3½-½
W. Bishop (St. John) 3½-½
C. Webber (Halifax) 3½-½
V. Witmar (Moncton) 3-4
O. Doucett (Moncton) 3-4
C. Sherwood (Moncton) 3-4
A. Doucett (Dieppe) 3-4
C. Coombs (Charlotteown) 2-5
W. L. Lowther (Moncton) 2-5

Highlights of the match was the last round meeting between Illinois and Nebraska, both undefeated, to decide the title in the four-state meeting. But each round had its thrills and upsets. Many contests were very close, and the meetings between such well known players as Isaacs and Powers, Elo and Ludwig, Ayers and Saxton, Davidson and Elo, Sandrin and Saxton all resulted in hard fought draws.

Among the top board players the decisive wins were Sandrin over Ayers and Isaacs over Ludwig, while P. Gilbertson after a disappointing start finished the last round with a well-earned draw with Powers.

Top scorer was Lee Magee (Omaha) who had three victories; and second place was shared by A. Sandrin, L. J. Isaacs and Earl Davidson of Illinois with two wins and a draw apiece. F. Stoppel (Illinois) and H. Underwood (Ne-

braska)

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PLAYERS DISPLAY "HOME-MADE" CHESS CLOCKS

Members of the Charleston (W.Va.) Chess Club with their home-made chess clocks. Left to right are: Allen DuVall, Esther Snyder, Edward Foy, Mrs. Edwin Faust, William Hartling and John Hurt, Jr. The clocks (left to right) were made by Reid Holt; the next two shown together by Hurt and DuVall on a design worked out by Hurt; and the remaining two by Foy and Hartling.

"TIME" AND CHESS AND ARTIST MEET

Featured in the background of a portrait of Vishinsky on the cover of Time magazine for September 20 was a chess board with men in position, white and red. The artist, Ernest Hamlin Baker, knows his chess, for he conveys his opinion that Vishinsky's tactics are obsolete by reproducing a position in the game, Marshall-Tschigorin, Monte Carlo, 1902, in which modern theorists consider that Tschigorin's tactics were inadequate and obsolete. Perhaps the pun was also conscious for Marshall played the White pieces in the game.

DR. MILLER WINS 2nd TOLEDO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

In a six round Swiss tournament, played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Toledo Chess Club from September 30 to October 16, Dr. Louis A. Miller emerged as victor in the second annual Toledo City Championship with a score of 4½-1½.

The finish of the tournament was exciting with Francis Ashley, Robert Henry and Roy Hoff finishing in a tie for second place, only one-half point behind Miller, with scores of 4½ each. On a weighing of scores, Ashley was awarded second place, Henry third, and Hoff fourth. Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr., acted as Tournament Director.

MARSHALL CHESS ELECTIONS HELD

At the annual meeting of the Marshall Chess Club of Detroit, USCF Chapter 96, the election of officers resulted in Frank Pilawski as president, Frank Witkowski as vice-president and treasurer, and Charles F. Thomas as secretary and tournament director.

THERIEN TAKES QUEBEC PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIP

In a six round Swiss tournament played over Thanksgiving weekend (Canadian) in which twenty-two players participated, Jules Therien of Quebec captured the Quebec Provincial Championship and custody of the Courtemanche Trophy and the Robillard Cup. The tournament was held in the Montreal East City Hall and was under the direction of D. M. LeDain.

Therien in a well-earned victory over Max Guze (Montreal) in the final round edged out the leading Montreal contenders, P. Brunet and J. Gersho, by half a point, finishing with 5½. P. Brunet and J. Gersho finished with 4½-½, with second place awarded to Brunet on a Sonneborn-Berger system. The leading scorers were:

Quebec Provincial Championship	
J. Therien	5-1
P. Brunet	4½-½
J. Gersho	4½-½
M. Guze	4-2
L. LeHeureux	2-2
A. Tangney	2-2
I. Zimmerman	2-2
E. Phaneuf	2-2
N. Cohen	2-2
W. Johnson	2-2

CCLA ANNOUNCES CORRESPONDENCE MEMBER DRIVE

Recognizing the ever widening interest in chess throughout the U. S. A., the Correspondence Chess League of America is launching an all-out drive to bring organized chess into the homes of all, by the wide circulation of a special offer whereby new members joining the CCLA between now and January 1, 1948, will receive as a bonus, "free" dues and remaining issues of the CCLA's own "CHESS CORRESPONDENT" for the balance of 1947, plus their choice of a copy of the "Reshevsky-vs-Kashdan 1942 Match" by Rueben Fine or a section in the CCLA Social Quarterly tournaments, upon payment of the regular dues for the year of 1948, according to a late report from CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2226 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa, who invites further inquiries.

FALL SEASON SET CHICAGO LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING

In the annual meeting held on October 17 the Greater Chicago Chess League organized for the winter season of play by electing V. Aronson president, H. Newell vice-president, and Paul Adams secretary-treasurer.

Preliminary plans envision the League divided into a West Suburban and Downtown section to accommodate the twelve teams expected to participate in the season's play. First round will begin on November 7. The By-Laws of the League were amended to provide that all participating clubs must be members of the United States Chess Federation so that the League Championship will have official recognition.

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BUT SILENCE WILL NOT SPEAK

GAIUS PETRONIUS, that erstwhile crony of Emperor Nero, is best remembered as a cynical but not ignoble character in "Quo Vadis" by Sienkiewicz (that stirring novel of early Christian martyrdom), or as the brilliant if immoral author of the "Satyricon" (that most revealing and licentious novel of Roman life in Nero's times). A few, perhaps, remember him as the poet whose "De Pantomino" in four graphic lines describes the whole rhythmic art of pantomime. For truly the pantomimic artist "with silent lips, speaks."

Ore silente, loqui is the phase of Petronius; but, alas, not all silent lips can speak; and in these days of many diverse clamorings, it is the loudest voice rather than the most eloquent of silent gestures that gains the world's distracted attention.

Chess Players are a silent race as compared with the organized bellowings of many other groups. They speak with silent lips, and the graceful pantomime is lost in the din that clamors for the world's attention.

This is no rash appeal for din to add another stentorian voice to the sounds of bedlam; and yet the voice of the chess player must be heard above the bewildering racket of competing groups if chess is to gain its due. The voice need not be loud, but it must be clear and persistent.

Newspapers shun no news item that will bring a following to read the columns of their daily issues; but they must be convinced that the news item is demanded by their readers. Herein the loud voice has the better of it in a duel for space, for the newspaper needs ever what it believes to be the wishes of larger group of readers. The chess player in his silence may be eloquent, but it is an eloquence that falls on deaf ears. The only way to a newspaper's hearing is to shout loudly and persistently in its ear.

Some time ago the tireless Gene Collett of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin issued a list of twenty-one newspapers with regular chess columns. The number could be as easily two hundred and ten, if the chess players in each city would make their wants known, not now and then in isolated letters, but persistently month after month with letters, postcards and phone calls to the editors. No newspaper will (or could) neglect to answer a steady and persistent appeal from any large number of its readers. But no newspaper will heed a very slothful and sporadic appeal for a chess column. The voice of the reader must be forceful, repeated and persistent.

Chess news, alas, does not travel regularly on the Associated Press or United Press wire service. For this also, the chess player must blame his own indifference. Wire services supply the news that their member newspapers request; newspapers request the news that they believe their readers desire.

Let the readers of a newspaper clamor for daily press reports of national and international chess events. Let that clamor be persistent and from many voices. Soon the newspapers will request those daily reports of chess events from the various wire services to which it subscribes. When enough newspapers enter their request for wire service on chess news, the Associated Press and kindred services will place such news on their regular schedule and its passage over the press wires will become automatic.

There is no royal road to publicity, even for the royal game of Chess. If the chess player wishes chess news in the newspapers, he can have it. But he must wish for it hard enough to make his desire felt and respected by the newspaper editor. It can be done; and when it isn't, the chess player confesses that he really doesn't care about chess in the newspapers. For if the chess player really wants it, he can get it. Chess news is his for the asking; but he must ask in the right way with the right determination and the right persistence like the successful salesman who will not take "no" for an answer.

Montgomery Major

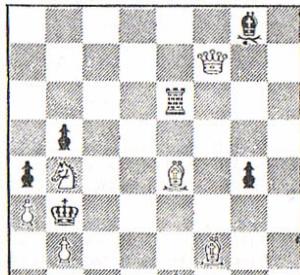
Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojam

ERE this column gracefully resigns all vested interest in chess problems to our gifted confrere, Dr. P. G. Keeney, this reclining beneath the Chess-Nut Tree feels it right and proper to present the final fruit of many hours of research in the hidden records of Gremliniana. In a rare document was discovered this single existing example of the Latent Gremlin Theme. With its publication, the history of Gremlin Problems is complete, and with a sigh of relief we close the book forever.

(Please turn to Page 4, Col. 5 for Solution)

CONCEALED GREMLIN THEME



White to move and mate in two moves.

CHESS LIFE ADDS "THE POETRY OF CHESS" TO ITS PROSE

(Monthly Letter No. 47)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE acceptance of the post of Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE by Dr. P. G. Keeney produces a threefold result. For CHESS LIFE, it adds a new and interesting feature under the hand of a brilliant and capable writer. For the unnumbered problem lovers of America, it restores a chess column which had attained national pre-eminence in the Cincinnati Enquirer in years past. And for the United States Chess Federation, it makes more manifest an important part of its program which was charted at the 46th Annual Congress in Peoria two years ago and has been in a stage of development since that time.

It would be difficult to weigh one of these benefits against another. Fortunately, no contra-distinctions are needed. And as this writing is a letter to the members of the Federation, it is proper that I direct my comments to the last of the three. The Federation's

Problem Section has functioned under a Committee headed by Mr. Kenneth S. Howard, one of America's foremost problemists and rounded out by Messrs. Edgar W. Allen, Eric M. Hassberg, Edgar Holladay, Frank A. Holloway, Dr. Keeney (see Who's Who column CHESS LIFE, October 20), Geoffrey Mott-Smith, P. L. Rothenberg, Walter B. Suesman, Raymond Tump, and Carl Weberg, each of whom is acknowledged as an outstanding problemist in his own right.

One of the first tasks of the Committee was an international problem composing contest, announcement of which was made in the Federation's 1945 Yearbook. The prize winning problems have been selected by the judges (Mr. Howard and Mr. Mott-Smith) and the awards will shortly be announced. To this Committee are due our thanks for the arduous and painstaking piece of work.

But the function of the Problem Section is not limited to problem composing tournaments, however important and valuable as those events may be. As previously announced, the objects of the Problem Section are:

First: To provide a central organization to which all who are interested in problems may turn, whatever the nature of their interest;

Second: To increase problem appreciation.

Third: To encourage problem composition.

The publication of Dr. Keeney's column as a regular feature of CHESS LIFE should be of material assistance in the accomplishment of these objectives.

The composing of chess problems has been called appropriately the poetry of chess. It is but natural that the intense concentration upon a particular phase of chess should develop a vocabulary of its own, some of which is unintelligible to a player untutored in problem lore. Nowotny interference, for instance, does not refer to a maneuver of a Notre Dame halfback. And nomenclature which includes such terms as half-pin; mixed battery; mutate; dual avoidance; mirror mate; royal battery check; anticipatory value; bi-value; pawn switch; fringe variation; chameleon echo; pericritical play; and countless themes individually designated by name (Inverted Hume Theme!) might well tempt a neophyte to throw up his hands in despair of ever learning what chess problems are all about. Fortunately, Mr. Howard in his book, *The Enjoyment of Chess Problems*, published in 1943, gives lucid explanation of such apparently hopeless jargon, and there is now no reason why every chess player, from beginner to master, cannot add to his enjoyment of chess playing the enjoyment of chess problems.

It is one of the aims of the Federation that through its Problem Section this desirable condition may be attained.

BYLAND HEADS N. C. Y. DIVISION CHESS PROGRAM

The USCF announces that the Junior Chess program of the Federation has been expanded to meet the growing needs of an increasing number of young people playing chess at home, in the clubs and through the school and playground activities throughout the country. In its expanded form the program will be handled by the National Chess Youth Division of the USCF with William M. Byland of Pittsburgh as chairman, Edwin Asmann of Chicago as vice-chairman and Leo McCauley of Detroit as secretary.

Byland, the new chairman, is well known in chess circles as USCF Vice-President, President of

the Pennsylvania State

Chess Federation,

Vice-President of the

Correspondence Chess

League of America and a

very active

member of the

Downtown YMCA

Chess Club of Pittsburgh.

In his official

capacity of President of the PSCF

he has already done much to en-

courage junior chess in Pennsyl-

vania and brings a practical ex-

perience to the national program.

Asmann, US CF Director for Illinois, was prominent in handling the financial arrangements of the first successful National Junior Chess Tournament at Chicago in 1946, and has been a very active member of Chicago chess circles.

McCauley brings to the committee the viewpoint of youth on the program they desire as a senior in the St. Theresa High School in Detroit. He is President of the Paul Morphy Chess Club of Detroit, composed entirely of high school students, and is editor of the Paul Morphy Chess Club Bulletin.

Reorganization of the Junior Chess Committee into the National Chess Youth Division was necessitated by the resignation of Howard Ohman of Omaha as chairman of the committee. After two years of arduous service in establishing the successful junior program with its national tournaments at Chicago and Cleveland, Mr. Ohman has found his duties at the Omaha YMCA so restrictive and demanding that it necessitated his abandoning leadership in the new National Chess Youth program. His resignation was reluctantly accepted by the USCF upon the understanding that he would continue to lend his advice and experience to the new committee.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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THE Chess Problem Editor introduces himself to the readers of CHESS LIFE and devotees of the Chess Problem World of all lands and nations: I was born March 25, 1877, in Newport, Ky. My father, the late E. W. Keeney (deceased 1918), was a well known and skilled medical practitioner in and about Newport, Ky. He solved many of life's problems for those who consulted him regarding their ailments and their family difficulties. Although a busy man with his life devoted to the alleviation of afflicted humanity, he found recreation in the composing and solving of chess problems.

It might be said that I inherited his love and talent for the Game of Chess, for I knew the moves at the age of 11 and composed my first problems at the age of 13.

Dr. P. G. Keeney like son! I graduated as a full fledged M.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1899. My recreation, as that of my father's, was a continuous and passionate fondness for Chess in all its branches. As the years passed my fondness for chess increased and I became a good player, an expert solver and a prolific if not a master composer of chess problems.

I finally became world famous in the Chess World, acting as Chess Editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer (1929-1937). Since 1937 I have not been active as a Chess Editor, though continuing my interest in problems. Now, however, that I have been called upon by Mr. Major to act as Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE, I shall try and conduct a column that will entertain, puzzle and instruct you to the extent that you will comment: "Where's that guy been all my Chess Life?"

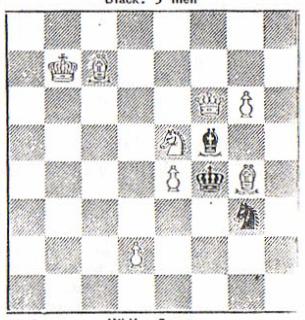
All levity aside—I extend greetings and best wishes to all readers of this column for a semi-monthly enjoyment of all the features offered by CHESS LIFE. If you are not a subscriber of CHESS LIFE, I advise you to become one now. You cannot afford to miss any of the Problems of Chess Life!

(Dr. Keeney wrote these initial remarks without being aware of the copy prepared for Who's Who in the October 20th issue, in which certain biographical items were duplicated. Ed.)

Problem No. 1
By Rev. Gilbert Dobbs

(deceased)

Black: 3 men



White: 8 men
KBR, 5QP1, 4Sh2, 4PKB1, 4Kt1, 3P4.

In my submission of the first two Problems of Chess Life, is an apparent paradox, for while they are Life problems they are the

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Problems Of Chess Life

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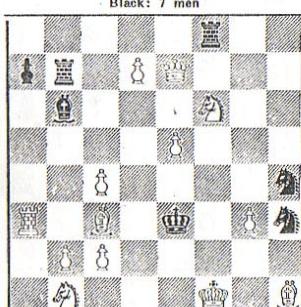
creations of two renowned (deceased) problem builders, a minister of the Gospel and a doctor of medicine.

Can you name any professions that accomplish more than these in creating and solving Life's problems? Both composers, during their lives, were eminent in their respective professions.

The composer of the above problem was born in Richmond, Ky., December 6, 1867, and died in Atlanta, Ga., February 14, 1941. His first problem was composed in 1900, his last in March, 1940. In his active composing career he composed some 3,300 problems.

The above problem appears as No. 63 in "A Chess Silhouette," a book featuring 100 of Dr. Dobbs' problems. The composition has a fairly good key and some pleasing surprise mates.

Problem No. 2
By Dr. Henry Wald Bettmann
(deceased)
Black: 7 men



White: 13 men
5r2, pr1PQ3, 1b8K12, 4P3, 2P4Kt, R1B1K1Pkt,
1PP5, 1R1K1B1
White mates in two moves.

The composer of Problem No. 2 was Dr. Henry Wald Bettmann of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Bettmann was born January 14, 1868, and died December 5, 1935. During his lifetime he was a brilliant figure in problem composition.

The above problem, regarded by many excellent solvers as difficult of solution, gained a First Prize Award in a "Good Companion" Composing Contest in 1918.

W. VA. PLAYERS MAKE OCTOBER A CHESS MONTH

Five members of the Charleston Chess Club, including two West Virginia state champions, were guests of A. W. Paull of Wheeling, Oct. 11-12, at the Fort Henry Club in Wheeling.

In a free-for-all session, in which play was more or less informal and no holds were barred, the Charleston players ran up a score of 3½-1½ against nine members of the Wheeling Chess Club.

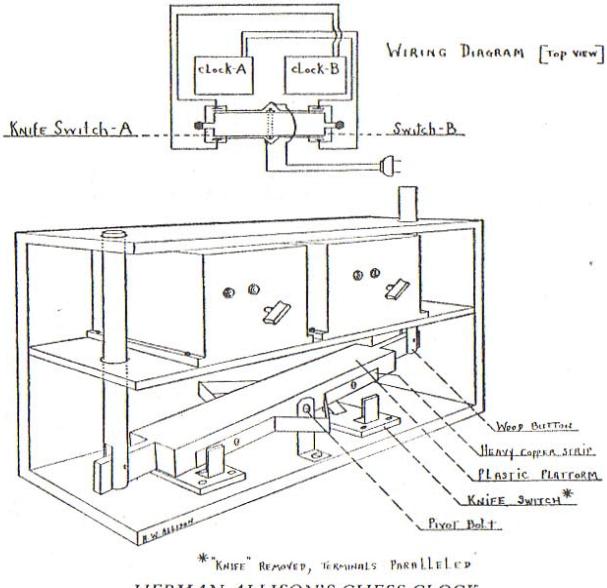
Emerging as the outstanding players of the two-day hard-slugging meet were John Hurt, Jr., of Charleston, 1939 West Virginia champion, who had a score of 12-1 and William R. Cuthbert of Wheeling, whose final tally was 6½-1½. Hurt and Cuthbert tied 1-1 in their individual encounter, and Cuthbert also yielded a draw to Reid Holt of Charleston who scored 8½-1½.

Charleston: Hurt, 12-1; Allen DuVall, 7½-3½; Holt, 8½-5½; William F. Hartling, of St. Albans, 5-5; Edward M. Foy, 3½-3½.

Wheeling: Cuthbert, 6½-1½; B. E. Stover, 4½-4½; E. C. Bottome of Moundsville, 2-4; Maynard Wallace, 1-2; A. W. Paull, 3-10; Judge H. M. Russell, 1½-7½; James P. Altmeier, 0-1; the Rev. William M. Erhard, 0-2; A. C. Dobbs, Sr. 0-4.

William Cuthbert of Wheeling and Edwin Faust, a teacher at West Virginia Tech at Montgomery, tied with John Hurt, Jr., and Edward Foy, both of Charleston, in an 18-man, five-round Swiss rapid transit session Oct. 2 at the Charleston (W. V.) Chess Club.

Each of the top players had a score of 4-1.



HERMAN ALLISON'S CHESS CLOCK

Solve Your Chess Clock Problems The West Virginia Way--Make Them!

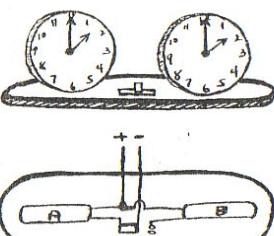
By Gene Collett

CHESS clocks are expensive and hard to get but players with a little mechanical knack can make their own and save themselves and their clubs a considerable amount of money.

This was demonstrated in West Virginia last winter when six players made perfectly serviceable clocks which they used to advantage in their annual state tournament last Labor Day weekend. The most expensive of the clocks, which looks like a professional job, cost \$11.75, which includes the price of two \$4.95 self-starting electric timepieces. The least expensive represented an actual outlay of only a few cents.

Though he may have had unannounced forerunners in other parts of the country, the originator of the idea in West Virginia was former state champion John Hurt of Charleston. Hurt was annoyed by the necessity, under the Swiss system, of having adjourned games and adjudications. But when he came to investigate the purchase of clocks for the state chess association, he found the manufacture of these articles had been abandoned during the war and that they could not—in the fall of 1946—be had at any price.

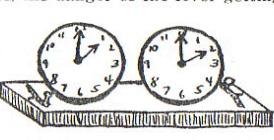
Reid Holt, also of Charleston and secretary of the West Virginia chess group, continued the improvement process by using a sliding switch, which not only operated both clocks but also had a neutral midpoint on which both clocks were stopped.



REID HOLT'S CHESS CLOCK

Clocks are screwed to the base; all wiring is in the base with switch in center, both clocks are stopped. Diagram of wiring in base: A and B, clocks; C, switch. A single-pole double-throw switch is used. The outlet wire is hooked to both contact points and the wires to the clocks (one each) are hooked to the side opposite. The diagram shows the circuit closed to clock A. Wire contact joints should be soldered.

William Hartling of St. Albans then came up with a clock employing a knife-switch, operating laterally, with a horizontal lever for each player. This lessened, although it did not entirely eliminate, the danger of the lever getting



WM. HARTLING'S CHESS CLOCK

The switches at either end of the wooden base move a long bar, mounted on a pivot in the center of the base. In the position shown, the clock at right is running, throwing the other switch starts the left-hand clock.

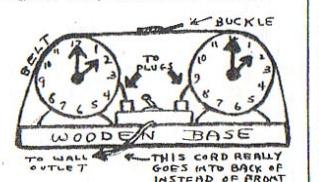
If the switches are moved only halfway, neither clock runs. The switches slide in a circular groove, 3" or 4" long

in the wrong direction and opponents playing on each other's time, since either clock would start or stop on either lever.

Herman Allison of Huntington, working without a model, solved the remaining problem by building a knife-switch-type clock with a vertical lever, or push-button, at either end, just as in standard commercial chess clocks. The resultant product looks very much like the better type of clock on the market before the war; it has an entirely professional appearance.

Allison's completed work cost him \$11.75, including the price of the two electric movements. He used a few cents worth of plywood and a piece of molding to make the case, glueing it together and cutting out the door at the back with a jigsaw. The main parts of the switch were made from the back of a plastic comb (an insulator), with holes bored in it, and a knife switch at either end. The clock on the right is wired to the left switch, and vice versa.

The cost of a homemade clock depends on how much the player wants to spend and on what materials he has available. Hart used electric clocks from his home and connects them up only for chess sessions. At other times, they do regular duty about the house.



ED FOY'S CHESS CLOCK

This clock employs a two-way switch throwing current into one clock or the other; when clocks are plugged into wall, one or the other always runs.

A clock made by Edward M. Foy of Charleston is likely the most economical of all. He simply mounted a two-way switch on a flat wooden board, set the clocks beside it, one on either side, hooked them up, and strapped the whole thing together with an old buckle-type belt. Since he already had clocks, one of which he uses regularly as his alarm, the chess chronometer cost him only the price of a toggle switch and a few feet of wiring.

ORANGE CLUB STARTS SEASON

The Chess Club of the Oranges (N.J.) began its fall season successfully with a victory over the Irvington (N.J.) Chess Club by a score of 5½-2½. Officers for the club are: H. H. Wheaton (Verona) president, A. Scott (Summit) vice-president, C. Cornish (W. Orange) secretary, C. S. Pennington (Westfield) treasurer, E. F. Laucks (W. Orange) league representative, H. Oster (Livingston) tournament director, and E. T. McCormick (E. Orange) team captain.

Oranges	Irvington
P. Howard	1
Puchel	0
McCormick	1
Plunkett	1
Stanfield	1
Kelsee	0
Pennington	1
Calvo	0
Oranges	5½
	Irvington
	2½

AUSTIN CHESS OPENS SEASON

The Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) begins its fall season with a varied program for the members, including an intra-club team match, a simultaneous by Elimin Michelsen, in addition to team representation in the Greater Chicago Chess League.

Recently elected at the annual meeting were: John A. Nowak president, Roy Gilbert vice-president, C. H. Bounds secretary, and L. H. Condy treasurer.

Chess Life

Wednesday, November 5, 1947

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE Manhattan Chess Club has accepted the challenge of the Jockey Club of La Plata, Argentina, to play a 10-board match by radio-telephone on November 2. The Jockey Club, it is understood, will utilize the cream of Argentinian chess talent, and their lineup will feature such international stars as Najdorf, Stahlberg, Pilnik and Guimard. Among those opposing them will be U. S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky, Open Champion Isaac I. Kashdan, Manhattan Club Champion Arnold S. Denker, Max Pavrey, former champion of Scotland, Alexander Kevitz (1½ points out of 2 against the Russians!), I. A. Horowitz and New York State Champion Albert S. Pinkus. Sidney F. Kenton will captain this listing of titans, and hopes to have to arrange a victory celebration!

Meanwhile, the other clubs are quite busy. In the Commercial Chess League, the powerful Central Hanover Bank team has established an early lead. The Queens Chess Club celebrated the capture of the Susquehanna Trophy by its 5-man team at a dinner attended by a large number of local chess dignitaries. At the Marshall Chess Club, the "senior" team won a spirited intra-club match from the "junior" team by the score of 8½ to 4½. The London Terrace Chess Club, probably the only one in the world which meets in the penthouse of a skyscraper, has begun its annual series of tournaments. Yes, the chess world is buzzing with activity!

"IT'S NEWS TO ME" Department: An old-timer at the Manhattan Chess Club reports that at one time young Reuben Fine received Rook odds from some of the players—and used to lose regularly!

For The Tournament-Minded

November 30
Sixth Annual Lightning Chess
Championship

Brooklyn Academy of Music

Brooklyn, New York

Entrance fee \$2.00 to USCF members (Non-members must add \$1.00 dues for membership in the Federation). Admission charge to spectators \$1.00. Address inquiries to Dr. Edward Lasker, 153 East 37th Street, New York, N. Y.

REELECT OFFICERS AT FIRESTONE

The annual meeting of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club (Akron) saw the re-election of all officers with Art Pueledemann president, W. H. Toncray and Earl Freeman vice-president, Dick Hockenberry secretary, and R. D. Mackay treasurer. A winter tournament committee was chosen, headed by Marion Antunovich with R. G. Allen and Dennis Griffin.

HARRISBURG CLUB HAS MOVING DAY

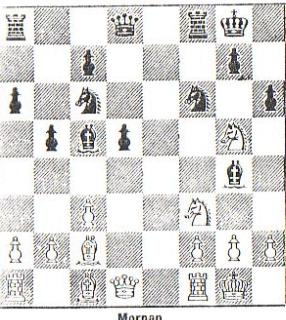
The Harrisburg Chess Club (Pa.) has celebrated its rapid growth by moving from the restricted quarters it occupied as guest of the YMCA to more spacious rooms in the Boyd Memorial Bldg., 234 South Street, a community center established by the late John Y. Boyd, Harrisburg philanthropist. The club celebrated the move by inaugurating a monthly club publication "J'Adoube" under the editorship of Major Danford P. Miller.

RUY LOPEZ

1946 Dominion Correspondence Championship

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 1. P-K4 F. R. ANDERSON
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
 3. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
 4. B-R4 B-K3
 5. B-R4 B-K3
 6. P-Q5 P-Q5
 7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
 8. P-Q5 P-Q5
 9. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
 10. O-O B-Q4
 11. KtxP B-B2
 12. PxP e.p. (B3) ...
 After 14. P-R3
 Anderson



Mornan

A critical move and probably inadequate in view of White's sacrificial procedure.

15. P-KR3 B-B1 17. BxP R-B2

16. Q-Q2 P-Q4

17. BxKt, PxP and the R covers R2. But

at 18., Qd8ch, 19. R-B7 ch, K-B1; 20. QR-

1 and Black is helpless.

18. Q-K1 Kt-K2

19. R-K2 Q-Q3

tempting Black to return the material in

order to end the attack. After 20.,

Kt-KP; 21. PxKt, Kt5P; and 22., KtxB

Black is a P ahead with fair chances of turning back the attack. And if 21. BxKt, PxP;

22. R-K1ch, Kt-K2; 23. R-Q8ch, RxR;

24. QxR ch, Q-B1. Black, however, tries to hold too much material.

20., Kt-B3; 5. PxP, PxP; 6. Q-K1ch+

5. P-K4

After this Black is deficient in the center

and backward in development.

5., B-K15 15. R-B2 R-QB1

6. BxP P-K3 16. KR-QB1

7. B-K3 Kt-Q2 17. RxR P-QR3

8. O-O Kt-KB3 18. Q-K3 P-KR4

9. P-QB1 Kt-B3 19. Q-Q4ch

10. KR-KR3 B-R4 20. P-B5

11. B-Q2 Kt-Q3 21. PxP

12. P-K5 BxKt 22. B-K16 ch.

13. QxP Kt-Q4 23. B-B7

14. KtxKt BPxKt 24. Q-K4

After 24., KtxKP

McCormick

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SLAV DEFENSE

U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 1. KASHDAN R. G. WADE
 2. P-Q4 Q. P-K3
 3. P-QB4 P-QB3 B-QK5
 4. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 0-0
 5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 0-0
 6. P-Q4 B-B4

parting of the ways, 9., Kt5 is also frequently played here.

7. P-R3 B-KR4 13. P-K4 B-K13

8. R-Q1 QK-Q2 14. B-KR5

9. P-K4

to this point everything is well-explored territory.

10. P-K5, Kt-Q4; 15. Kt-C4 has

can tried here, giving White a strong attack which, however, is not without risks.

Kashdan's simple developing move, which reduces the tension in the center, seems very

4., P-KR3 16. P-Q5 QR-Q1

5. B-R4 P-K4 17. Kt-Q2

What to do? White's K-side attack can hardly make headway. So he prepares for Q-side attack but that is easily over-protected.

1., Kt-K1 19. P-R6

BxKt

Black suddenly finds his Q-side embarrassing.

A weak, White threatens 20. BxKt, PxP;

21. QxP, QxP etc. 22. BxKt, PxP;

23. Kt-K1, Q-Q2; 24. PxP etc. While it is 20., BxP; 21. Kt-B3, Kt(K)-Q2; 22. RPxP

much too strong. There is no adequate defense. The text at least gives Black some real chances.

1. RPxP QxP 23. B-QK5

2. PxP QxP 24. BxR

RxKt

After 24., RxKt!

Wade



This loses material. But no better in 20., Kt-K1; 21. RPxP, QxP; 22. BxKt, PxP; 23. Kt-K1, Q-Q2; 24. PxP etc. While it is 20., BxP; 21. Kt-B3, Kt(K)-Q2; 22. RPxP

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1. RPxP QxP 23. B-QK5

2. PxP QxP 24. BxR

RxKt

After 24., RxKt!

Wade

Tournament Life

Conducted by
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BxP!; 26. P-B3, QxB ch; 27. Q-Kt2, QxBP
 25. QxP 27. R-Q8 KtxKP
 26. Kt-Q3 QxP

This allows White to finish artistically. But

there was no salvation anyway.

28. BxP ch, KtB3 32. Q-KB ch, K-K2

29. RxP ch, K-B3 33. QxP ch, K-Q2

30. R-R6 ch, K-K2 34. QxP ch, Resigns

31. Q-R7 ch, KtR

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RETI OPENING

Log Cabin vs. Germantown YMCA
Team Match, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
 1. B-Arkless E. T. McCormick
 (Germantown) (Log Cabin)

2. P-Q4 P-Q3 3. P-Q4

White may have offered the Reti in hopes

Black would try 2., P-Q5. But now he

swings into a kind of Slav defense.

3., B-B4

But Black has ideas of his own. If now 4.

PxP, BxKt (not 4., PxP; 5. Q-Kt3+);

5. Q-R1ch, B-Q2; 6. QxP with some chances.

But the text move is nevertheless not entirely satisfactory for Black.

6. Kt-Q3 PxP

7. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3

8. P-P5 PxP

9. Kt-Q1 Kt-B3

10. Kt-K2 Kt-B3

11. Kt-K3 Kt-B3

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17. Kt-K9 Kt-B3

18. Kt-K10 Kt-B3

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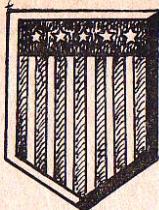
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Manhattan Bows To Buenos Aires!

ARGENTINOS HAND AMERICANS

3rd INTERNATIONAL REBUFF

Confidence of New York Players

Rudely Shattered in Radio Match

American international chess prestige, gained in the Hamilton-Russell Team Matches and by the individual performances abroad of Marshall, Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky, received a third serious setback when a team of the Manhattan Chess Club (impressive visitors in the New York Metropolitan Chess League) bowed in defeat by the disasterous score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ to the superior skill of the Jockey Club of Buenos Aires in the heralded radio chess team match played on November 3.

Coming on the heels of the $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ defeat of the United States team at Moscow in September, 1946, and the 1945 defeat of the United States team in its radio match with Moscow by $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, this third rebuff in international chess matches demonstrates that American complacency in chess has been founded upon past performance.

The upset to the American team was more surprising in that six of its ten members played on the United States team in the match with Russia in 1946. Against opposition presumed to be superior at Moscow this sextet gained four points out of a possible 12 points; against Argentina the same sextet gained $2\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible six points.

Equally surprising was the fact that, aside from U. S. Champion Reshevsky on board one, none of the Manhattan Club players could do better than draw with their South American opponents. On the top five boards the Americans held their own with one victory, one loss and three draws; but the lower five boards saw Argentina gather three victories and two draws to capture the honors.

On board one Samuel Reshevsky, playing against Gideon Stahlberg, nursed the capture of a pawn into a victory in 34 moves. But this victory was cancelled on board two where the daring opening manoeuvres of Mendel Najdorf wrested victory from U. S. Open Champion Isaac Kashdan in 35 moves.

The match celebrated the seventieth anniversary of the Manhattan Chess Club and was efficiently refereed by Hans Kmoch of Amsterdam. Due to the importance of the occasion the defeat was witnessed by a large assembly of spectators, including most of the chess notables of New York City and the surrounding territory.

The Manhattan Club played white on odd numbered boards.

Manhattan Chess Jockey Club
S. Reshevsky 1 G. Stahlberg 0
I. Kashdan 0 M. Najdorf 1
A. S. Denker 1 J. Bolbochan 1
I. A. Horowitz 1 H. Pilnik 1
A. Kervits 1 C. Maderna 1
A. S. Pinkus 0 P. Schech 1
M. Pavlov 1 H. Rosetto 1
G. Kramer 0 C. Guimard 1
G. Shainswitz 1 G. Garcibaldiado 1
D. Byrne 0 Luckis 1

Manhattan $3\frac{1}{2}$ Jockey Club $6\frac{1}{2}$

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Jose Acebo, ten-year-old chess player of the Columbus (Ohio) YMCA Chess Club, plays his next move.

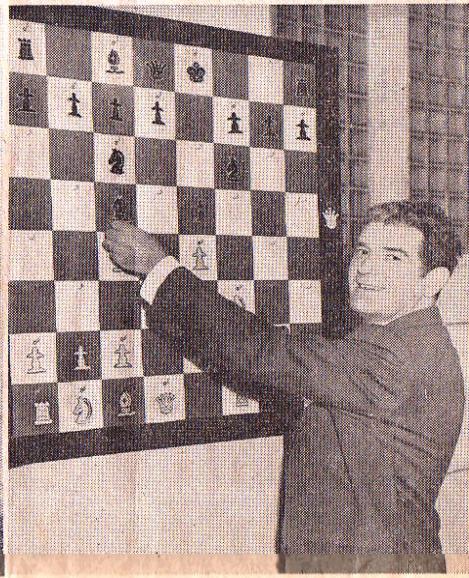


Photo: Herbert Topy

Former County Champion Robert H. Beckert uses homemade demonstration board at Columbus YMCA Chess Club. (Story page three.)

OPEN TOURNAM'T FOR CHAMPION IN PUERTO RICO

After defending successfully his title in match play for some twenty-five years, Rafael Cintron, the Insular Champion, has consented graciously to defend the title in an Open Tournament planned for January of 1948. This tourney will in under the auspices of the Puerto Rican Chess Federation and will be the most important chess event in Puerto Rico in the past twenty-five years.

The committee of the Federation under the guidance of President Francisco Freiria Vidal has nominated nine players in San Juan, four in Ponce, two in Trujillo Alto, two in Arecibo, two in Guayama and two in Arroyo to compete in four preliminary tourneys to qualify twelve players to compete in the final championship event with Champion Cintron.

Players nominated from San Juan include Miguel Colon (who tied for second at Yankton in 1946), Arturo Colon, Hector Vissepco and Antonio Higuera (who played in the recent U. S. Open at Corpus Christi), and Francisco Benitez, Osvaldo Padilla, Francisco Freiria Vidal, Graciano Miranda Archilla and Francisco Prieto Azuar.

Players from Ponce are: Pelayo Valls, Carlos E. Colon, Jenaro Maldonado Capriles and Jorge F. Salicrup; from Arecibo: Victor Perez Cadilla and Manuel Perez Cadilla; from Trujillo Alto: Jesus Morales Rodriguez and Rafael A. Diaz; from Guayama: Miguel Rovira Sanchez, Cecilio Bruno Bird and Pedro Neigroni; from Arroyo: Ernesto Rodriguez and Jose J. Gonzales; from Santurce: Ordando F. Pla and Jose Berrocal.

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OAK RIDGE SETS A FINE EXAMPLE ON "CARE" APPEAL

Reading the appeal of USCF Executive Vice-President Paul G. Giers in the October 20 issue of CHESS LIFE, the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Chess Club responded instantaneously with a stirring and unanimous decision. Each member contributed \$1.00 to a fund; and one \$10.00 "CARE" package was dispatched post haste to each of the five needy chessmasters listed in the October 5 issue of CHESS LIFE. In addition the Oak Ridge Club passed a resolution to send a \$10.00 "CARE" package to every name listed in future issues of CHESS LIFE.

ELECT OFFICERS; TORONTO JUNIORS READY FOR 1948

At the Annual Meeting of the Toronto Junior Chess League on October 18, representatives from Central Tech, Danforth Tech, Harbord Collegiate, Jarvis Collegiate, Parkdale Collegiate, Brown Street School, Deer Park School, King Edward School, Oriole Park School and Rosedale laid plans for the 1947-48 League season.

R. Berin (Harbord) was elected president, R. Siemms (Annette) vice-president, W. R. Oaker (Parkdale) secretary, John Pinkham (Oriole Park) treasurer, W. K. Hastings (Etobicoke) tourney director, and J. Kagotsu (Central) assistant tourney director. The Advisory Board headed by H. Gulston, was enlarged to include school representatives and C. A. Crompton and Bernard Freedman.

The Rapid Transit Tournament was won by R. Siemms (Annette) with C. Duggan (Danforth) second and W. Davis (North Toronto) third.

ARTURO COLON IS NEW CHAMPION SAN JUAN CLUB

Arturo Colon, who recently played in the Corpus Christi Open Tournament celebrated his return to Puerto Rico by winning the championship of the San Juan Chess Club by the score of 7-1 in a field which included most of the leading players of San Juan.

San Juan Club Championship

A. Colon 7-1 O. Padilla 3-5

F. Benitez 6½-1½ R. Rivera 3-5

M. Colon 6½-1½ H. Ortiz 2-6

M. Ortiz 4-4 R. Paez 1-7½

F. Prieto 3½-4½

Pressman 5-6

A. Bisguier 3½-2½ Einhorn 4-7

Schoenberg 3-3 Hurst 3½-7½

Cohen 7-4 Greenwald 3-8

Schaeffer 6-5 Kolman 2½-8½

Ross 5½-5½ Stern 2-9

DR. PLATZ WINS EMPIRE CITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Victory in the Bronx Empire City Chess Club Championship went to Dr. Joseph Platz (CHESS LIFE annotator) with a score of 11-0 for a clean sweep of the board. Second was the 1946 defending Champion, A. Bisguier, with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, and third was Schoenberg with 8-3. Dr. Platz was Club Champion in 1944 and 1945 but did not compete in 1946. His previous championships were also gained without the loss of a game.

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H. L. MARKS WINS TRI-STATE MEET AT CLEVELAND

In the Tri-State Championship meeting at Cleveland on November 9, H. Landis Marks, former W. Va. Champion, walked away with the honors 3-1, losing in the last round to Julius Goodman of Ohio.

Second place went to Pennsylvania with William Byland of Pittsburgh and Thomas Gutkunst of Allentown tied at $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ each. Fourth place was shared by Thomas Ellison, Ohio State Champion, and Julius Goodman of Ohio with 1-3 each.

Dr. Werthammer, West Virginia State Champion, was unable to attend because of a last-minute call to a serious operation; and Lawrence C. Jackson of Toledo was detained by the grave illness of his father.

Last year's Tri-State Champion ship resulted in the victory of M. Q. Ellenby of Ohio.

RAFAEL DIAZ IS JUNIOR CHAMPION OF PUERTO RICO

Under the auspices of the Chess Federation of Puerto Rico the first Puerto Rican Junior Chess Championship was held with youthful representatives from San Juan, Santurce, Catano, Arecibo and Trujillo Alto contending for the honor of being first Junior Chess Champion of Puerto Rico.

The victory went to Rafaelito Diaz, the thirteen year old player from Trujillo Alto who won brilliantly, and annexed in addition to the Junior Title the right to participate next year in the Central American and Caribbean Zone Tournament at Cuba in the endeavor to bring the Central American Junior Championship to Puerto Rico.

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LET'S WIN THE PEACE FOR THE BOYS WHO WON THE WAR

THE support that has been given by individual readers to an appeal in these columns for volunteers to play correspondence chess with the wounded veterans in VA Hospitals has been most encouraging; but it solves only one of many problems in the program of "Chess for Veterans." The dominant problem in bringing chess to the veterans remains—the problem of instruction and personal encouragement which correspondence cannot solve alone.

Veterans in areas like Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and other metropolitan centers are fortunate in the establishment of various interested chess groups which visit the hospitals under the "Chess for Veterans" program to play games, and more important, to give instruction to interested beginners.

But the veterans in more isolated areas still need the awakening of the chess player's conscience and the realization that much must and can be done to bring chess to charm their hours of idleness and despondency.

The chess program in the VA hospitals is in the hands of the Red Cross and the Special Services. These are well meaning and hard working individually, but frequently they do not play chess. They cannot, therefore, teach it to enthusiastic beginners or even understand how to foster and encourage the growth of chess among their patients without outside, experienced assistance.

If the "Chess for Veterans" program is to be a success, it must have the whole-hearted support of all chess clubs and all chess players in every area in which a VA hospital is located. Every club should organize a group to work in cooperation with the hospital in teaching chess and in playing chess with the veterans.

In Lexington, Ky., for example, is a VA Hospital where a struggling VA Chess Club survives on the momentum given it by the patients themselves. Its Red Cross and Special Service workers are not chess players, and so can only give encouragement without instruction. Yet Lexington is the home of many fine chess players. Some of these should rally to the cause of the veteran as well as the cause of chess, and make contact with the VA Hospital to teach, encourage and play chess with the veterans confined there. For if chess perishes in the Lexington VA hospital for lack of nourishment, the chess players of Lexington should hang their heads in shame forever.

And what is true in Lexington, is true in many another VA hospital throughout the land. And everywhere that chess languishes in a VA hospital for lack of encouragement from local chess players and clubs, there the fine spirit of fellowship (about which we chess players are wont to boast) is somehow lacking.

We give lip service to the cause of chess in veteran hospitals; but lip service is not enough! Doctors are well agreed in those areas where chess has penetrated in an organized manner, that the therapeutic value of chess is invaluable to the wounded veteran in winning back his confidence, in quieting his nerves, and in restoring his peace of mind.

Let's win the peace for the boys who won the war!

Montgomery Major

For information on the "Chess for Veterans" program, write S. S. Keeney, 511 Parke Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio, or Frank Troutman, U. S. Hospital, Lexington, Ky.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

MANUAL OF CHESS By Dr. Emmanuel Lasker; McKay (\$3.00)

Reissued under the careful and intelligent editorship of Fred Reinfeld, Lasker's Manual of Chess has lost none of its authority in the almost twenty-five years that have elapsed since it was first published in 1925.

Slowly, lucidly, carefully through its 341 pages of instructive annotations of games and positions, the book treats the underlying principles with a clarity that defies misinterpretation. And its lasting and imperishable value lies in the fact that Dr. Lasker's teachings are not chained to any particular sequence of moves (which analysis may upset) but to general principles which remain immovable in the changing fads of chess play.

Lasker was the "great fighter," and in his Manual he instills that quality of dogged persistence, artistic integrity, unwavering confidence in the face of adversity which made him one of the most formidable chess opponents in the history of the game.

For that lesson alone in dogged stubbornness which concedes no odds to a positional disadvantage, but fights on through to the end the book claims a place in every well-selected chess library; and the introductory study of Lasker in contrast to the masters of his day, contributed by Fred Reinfeld, is in itself one of the most readable and valuable sections of the work.



Montgomery Major

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address a; communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

CHESS problems are as essentially a part (and a very artistic part) of Chess as the records of games participated in by the players across the board or by correspondence, wire, radio or otherwise.

At the very inception of a game a problem presents itself to the contestants, equally desirous of solving this important problem: What move can I make to accomplish a win?

When a beginner is being taught the theories and principles of chess, among the first things he learns are the methods of mating with the various pieces. Q, R, B, Kt, P, individually or collectively. These methods are usually illustrated by simple problem positions. Therefore it can be readily understood that even a novice at chess must and should possess a knowledge of problems.

In the progress of a game a problem position often confronts the players. A variety of moves are open for selection but analysis will usually demonstrate (if there is a win) there is only one correct way to victory. Other lines, if followed will lead the player into a blind alley and an inevitable loss. When such problem positions arise, it is the player with a knowledge of problems who can, because of this knowledge, select the line of play that will achieve a win.

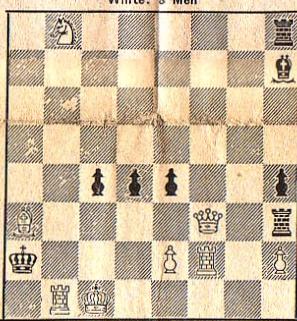
Sometimes the goal may be attained by a brilliant sacrifice, other times by diverting the action of an adversary's piece, others by forcing self-block, others by opening lines or seizure of open files, or again the gaining of the opposition, etc.

The Chess problem in an artistic way illustrates and teaches all these and other methods of mating the king. A knowledge of problem strategy may often be of such value as to enable the player with such knowledge to turn a seemingly hopeless loss to a surprising magnificent victory. The composing and solving of problems will gain you this knowledge.

The problems of Life that will worry you least and provide you with the most enjoyment are the Problems of Chess Life.

The two problems, diagrammed today, like those of the last issue, are the creations of noted deceased composers. Many of the dead composers have left their "footprints on the sands of time."

Problem No. 3
By J. C. J. Wainwright
(Deceased)
White: 8 Men

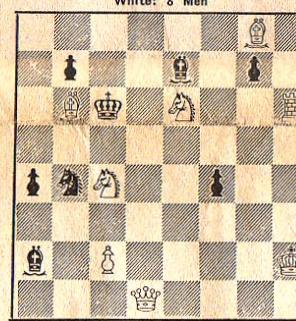


Black: 8 Men

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White mates in two moves.

Problem No. 4
By H. W. Barry
(Deceased)
White: 8 Men



Black: 8 Men

*

White mates in two moves.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

By cynics was the game of chess created
Who ruled your game as lost when you are mated;
Yet (paradox the cynics did not mean),
For you can push an pawn and gain a queen!

—The Woodpusher's Anthology

CHESS, a game of war! It is an analogy that time has worn thin since first the Persians named their pieces after the warriors of their age. And yet the advocates of chess as a warlike game continue their gentle insistence. The Germans with their usual teutonic thoroughness invented Kriegespiel, that half-brother of chess to demonstrate how military the game could be. And even in America we have had one advocate who wrote textbooks on chess in which he applied military terms and military axioms to instruction in the science of the game.

Younger exponents of the art of chess may find the name of Franklin K. Young an unfamiliar one, for his theories have long since ceased to be the dogmas of any group of disciples. He belonged to the Boston age of chess when players like Ware and Barry made New England one of outstanding areas of chess practice in America, and played a much better game of chess than he preached.

But in his books "Minor Tactics of Chess," "Major Tactics of Chess" and "Grand Strategy in Chess" he achieved the ultimate pinnacle in proclaiming the military concept of the chess game. In his "Grand Strategy" each illustrative game, including some of his own victories over ranking masters of his day, is directly cited as analogous to the tactics employed in some famous battle of history. And as a tour de force, he climaxes his work with the battle of Waterloo laid out on the chessboard with copious notes on the strategy of Wellington and Napoleon.

But, alas, the Primary Bases upon which Franklin Young placed his reliance are now as outdated as the Stone-Ware defense to the Evans Gambit—another product of those brave early New England days of chess when the Boston Chess Club was host to Pillsbury, Steinitz, Marshall and the other titans of chess in the Nineteenth Century.



William Rojans

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

The defeat of the powerful Manhattan Chess Club team by an Argentinian aggregation which, man for man, would seem to have been weaker, raised several questions to which every American player should want an answer. First of all, why the upset? The answer may lie in the lack of practice and rest on the American side. And then, every Manhattan player I spoke to was certain of victory, although Pinkus told me at the beginning of the match that he expected it to be a very close affair. It would seem that the players, five of whom were in the first match with Russia, again suffered the results of over-confidence.

This is not to deny the playing ability of the Argentine masters. After all, that country has consistently placed in the top half dozen in the Olympic Team Tournaments. The addition of the many European masters who have settled there has meant a considerable increase in the country's chess potential. But why should their players be in top form so regularly? Consistent tournament play is one good reason, and the generous support given to chess by the governments of most South American countries undoubtedly has much to do with this. Finally, the place of chess as the pastime of the wealthy has given considerable patronage to the game in Argentina.

However, in the words of Manhattan Chess Club President and USCF Director Maurice Wertheim: "This is not only a club event. The strength of the teams makes it a true international contest. And, primarily, such matches as these are of the first importance in promoting international friendship and understanding."

For The Tournament-Minded

November 30

Sixth Annual Lightning Chess Championship

Brooklyn Academy of Music

Brooklyn, New York

Entrance fee \$2.00 to USCF members (Non-members must add \$1.00 dues for membership in the Federation). Admission charge to spectators \$1.00. Address inquiries to Dr. Edward Lasker, 153 East 37th Street, New York, N. Y.

December 26-30

2nd Biennial Individual Intercollegiate Championship

New York, N. Y.

Sponsored by the College Chess Committee under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation; open to any college player meeting his school's regular eligibility rules; four entries permitted from each school; write Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y., for further information.

Club Chapters

Chartered During October

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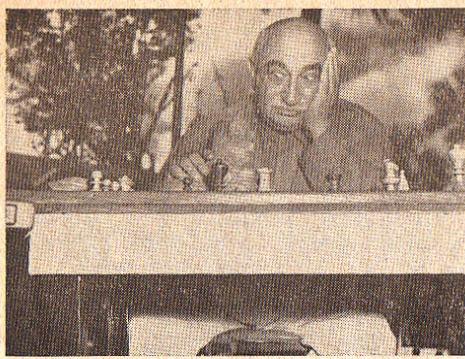
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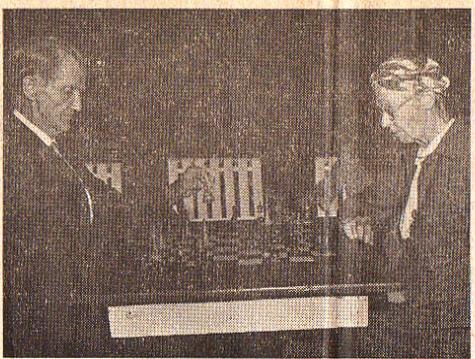
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Secretary.....E. S. Beard
Treasurer.....Sheila M. Welch

Meets Wednesdays at the Northville Library.



Captain Arthur Haas of the St. Petersburg Chess Club consults with "Stormy," club mascot, about his next move. Photo: Ken Richards "City Publicity."



Mrs. Grace J. M. Cook and J. M. Atkins, both honorary life members of St. Petersburg Chess Club, play a farewell game. Photo: Ken Richards "City Publicity."

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

D ESPITE its conservative reputation, the French Defense is one which allows great scope for ingenious, resourceful play. Favored by such mettlesome masters of the attack as Spielmann, Botvinnik, Nimzovich and Stahlberg, it has survived many a premature "refutation."

FRENCH DEFENSE

London, 1923

White	Black
WHITEHEAD	G. MAROCZY
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q5
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
4. P-K5	Kt-Q2
5. QKt-K2	.....

White intends to set up a solid center support with P-QB3 and P-KB4. The plan is, however, time-consuming; worse yet, his pieces get in each other's way.

5. P-QB4

The key-move of almost every variation in this defense.

6. P-QB3 Kt-QB3
7. P-K4 Q-Kt3
8. Kt-B3 P-B3!

White supports his Pawn center, Black haries it.

9. P-KKt3 PxP
10. PxP PxP
11. BxP B-Kt5 ch
12. K-B2?

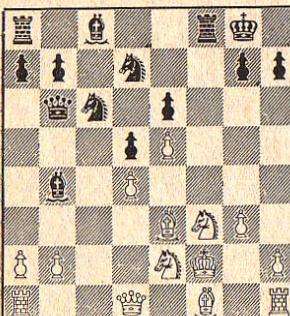
Very dangerous, especially against the wily maestro. 12 Kt-B3 was relatively better, although White's life would be made miserable by the task of guarding the center Pawns.

12. O-O

Threatening to capture the KP. Black has a tremendous lead in development, his forces are poised for action.

13. B-K3

Parries the threat (oh yeah?).



Kt(Q2)xP!!

RxKtch!!

KtxP ch

Black has spent a Rook to demolish the hostile Pawn center—and cheap at the price. If White tries 16 K-B2, Kt-Kt5ch is deadly: 17 K-Kt1 (17 K-Kt2, KtxBch or 17 K-B3, QxBch; 18 KxKt, P-K4ch and mate follows), QxBch; 18 K-Kt2, Q-K5ch; 19 K-Kt1 (or 19 K-R3, Kt-B7 mate!), B-B4ch etc.

16. K-B4 Q-Q3!

White has no defense against 17 Q-B1ch; 18 KxKt (18 K-Kt5 allows a quick mate), Q-B3 mate!

17. B-R3

Or 17 B-Q4, Q-B1ch; 18 K-K3, Q-B6 mate!

17. B-Q2

Good enough, although 17 Q-B1ch is more artistic.

18. B-Q4 R-B1ch

White resigns, for if 19 K-K3, R-B6 mate.

JOHN CURDO WINS MASS. SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIP

A new name among junior chess champions was revealed on October 19 when John Curdo of East Lynn captured the Massachusetts Schoolboy Championship with a perfect score from a field of fifty-eight boy and four girl competitors drawn from all parts of the state. The fifteen year old champion faced the strongest competition and largest entry ever assembled in a Massachusetts junior tournament.

Second was Stanley Bloom (Brookline High), third Maxwell Dvett (Gloucester High), and fourth John Wallen (Brockton High). Consolation prizes were won by Edward Laird (West Springfield High) and Newman Mittel (Brookline High).

The hard-working committee which handled this successful event consisted of Emil Reubens, Raymond Thomas and Franklin Sanborn.

KNOXVILLE WINS OVER OAK RIDGE IN FIFTH MATCH

Led by Jerry Sullivan and Martin Southern, the Knoxville Chess Club staged a victorious raid on the Oak Ridge Chess Club on October 20 at the Recreation Center in Oak Ridge, winning by a score of 8½-1½. Highlights of the meeting were the two draws of sixteen year old Jerry Sullivan, Jr. against Bob Coveyou and Martin Southern's victory over Lawrence Noderer.

Knoxville Chess Oak Ridge Chess
J. G. Sullivan L. Noderer
M. Southern R. Coveyou
A. Monroe F. C. Sutton
R. Beckert Dr. H. B. Riley
F. J. Andre A. Somers
H. P. Bibee E. P. Blizzard
Knoxville E. Greuling
13. Kt(Q2)xP!!
14. PxKt RxKtch!!
15. KxR KtxP ch

Teaching chess without a wallboard for demonstration purposes becomes a difficult task when there is a group numbering more than three or four. Yet wallboards are expensive and difficult to obtain since only one small manufacturer produces them commercially at the present time. Undismayed by these difficulties, the Columbus (Ohio) YMCA Chess Club solved the problem quickly and inexpensively by making their own.

Under the guidance of Robert H. Beckert, former County Champion, a carpenter constructed the board of plywood, backed by reinforcing strips to prevent warping. The playing field is 36 inches by 36 inches with four inch squares painted on the surface. Small brass hooks provide anchorage for the pieces.

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Lakewood Chess Avon Lake Chess
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R. Wolfe S. R. Borash
R. Lewis E. Olson
H. Johnson E. Olson
C. Bean A. C. Collier
J. Eaton R. Wood
C. Stevens R. Wood
B. Suranyi H. Bishop
S. Ewing H. Bishop
Lakewood 6½
Avon Lake 3½

Stealing a march on other members of the Greater Cleveland Chess League, the Lakewood Chess Club scheduled a preseason practice match with Avon Lake Chess Club, winning 6½-3½.

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SAN DIEGO WINS FROM CORONADO IN 12 BOARD TILT

October 30 saw the visiting San Diego Chess Club team defeated their Coronado Chess Club hosts in a match at the Library Club House in Coronado (Calif.) by a score of 8-4. Don White captained the Coronado team and Lyle Rathburn the San Diego.

San Diego Chess	Coronado Chess
A. J. Thompson 1	W. R. Jespon 0
A. Lutz 0	W. C. Michaels 1
M. Grit 0	D. White 1
P. DeGraaf 0	A. Critchlow 0
A. Kam 0	P. D. Peay 0
G. Gilson 0	Mrs. W. Sublette 0
E. Cleroux 0	W. A. Clagren 0
C. Fotias 0	J. E. Hicks 0
G. Knoll 1	J. P. Scott 1
J. W. Van Doren 0	H. D. Knous 1
L. Rathburn 1	A. D'Amato 1
.....	J. Darnell 0
San Diego 8	Coronado 4

FORM NEW LEAGUE ON NORTH SHORE OF MASS. BAY

A new chess league has been born on the shores of Massachusetts Bay entitled the North Shore Chess League with Edgar Davis as director. The cities of Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Newburyport and Salem will contribute six-man teams, and plans call for a four match contest between each team, two at home and two abroad. The season started November 14 and will extend into April of 1948.

Home-Made Demonstration Wall-Board Solver Many Chess Club Problems

By William Rajam

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CHESS HAS SAD AS WELL AS FOND MEMORIES

A sad moment in the game of chess came when Mrs. Grace J. M. Cook, who holds the tourist record for wintering in St. Petersburg for forty-four consecutive years, played a farewell game with her opponent of many seasons, J. M. Atkins, prior to his departure from St. Petersburg to take up permanent residence in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Cook, who is the "patron saint" of the St. Petersburg Chess Club and Mr. Atkins, one of its founders, have been pillars of the club since its organization. Atkins was one of the founders of the Open Air Forum and originator of "The Poets Hour," and is completing what he claims is the only epic of other than a mythological character in his "Joan of Arc."

ANDERSON WINS ONTARIO SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

On October 25, sixteen players met at the Gambit Chess Club in Toronto for the Ontario Speed Chess Championship. Two eight-man sections ended with C. A. Crompton first and R. E. Orlando second in one section; and F. R. Anderson first and R. B. Hayes second in the other.

A final round robin resulted in victory for Toronto City Champion F. R. Anderson with 3-0. Crompton finished second with 2-1, Hayes third with 1-2, and Orlando fourth with 0-3.

HATFIELDS BEAT MCCOYS AT AUSTIN

The "Hatfields", led by Roy Gilbert, bested the "McCoys", captained by L. H. Condy, by the score of 9½-6½ as an opening of the fall chess season of the Austin (Chicago) Chess and Checker Club. The match was in preparation for the entry of a team in the annual Greater Chicago City Chess League matches.

Chess Life

Thursday, November 20, 1947

KASHDAN BEATS MARYLAND CHESS IN SIMULTANEOUS

On October 25 Isaac Kashdan gave a brilliant demonstration of his skill in besting Maryland Chess Club players by a score of 34-4 in a thirty-eight board simultaneous at the Sear's Community Hall in Baltimore. The event was sponsored by the Maryland Chess Club and drew over one hundred enthusiastic kibitzers in addition to the participants.

George M. Lapoint, Maryland Chess Club Treasurer, scored the only win against Kashdan. Draws were gained by USCF Director Ira Lovett, Jack Stone, Dr. Frank Low, Albert Trabius, USCF Director Dr. Edward Kupka (of California), and Solomon W. Golomb, fifteen-year-old Baltimore player.

The Maryland Chess Club celebrated its first anniversary by enrolling its 125th member for an enviable record in rapid growth; and the Maryland Club Champion, George M. Lapoint, celebrated the occasion by giving a simultaneous against the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Chess Team, emerging with a score of 12½-½.

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RETI OPENING

International Team Match
Detroit Lakes, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White DR. G. KOELSCH Black R. G. WADE
(Minnesota) (Canada)
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 6. B-K12 QKT-Q2
2. P-B4 P-QB3 7. P-Q3 B-Q3
3. P-QK13 Kt-B3 8. O-O Q-K2
4. B-K2 P-B4 9. Kt-B3 P-K4

This is probably as good as 9.
O-O. There are several variations which
may ensue but by sharp play White ap-
pears to get the better of it in each case.

10. PxP 11. P-K4!
Almost every move of White's from this
point on deserves an exclamation mark.
Black should not accept the offered P.

11. P-KxP 12. B-QR3 13. Kt-K15
12. PxP BxP 13. R-B1

It is often wiser not to carry out all threats
at once. B-QR3 is still in the air and pre-
vents castling by Black.

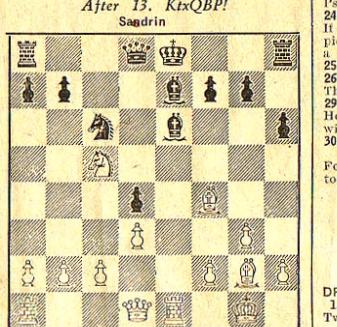
14. B-B3

14. Kt-Kt8 would be better as the
course of the game will show.

15. Kt-K4 Resigns

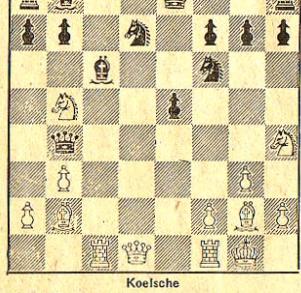
After 15., Q-Kt5

Wade

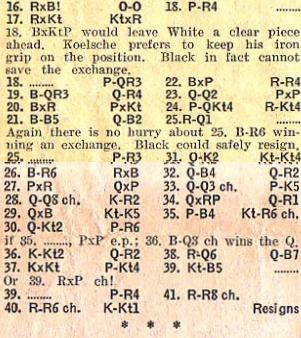


After 13. KtxQBP!

Sagdrin



Ludwig



QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

One of thirty-eight simultaneous
games, Baltimore, 1947.

Notes by George M. Lapoint

White I. KASHDAN Black G. LAPOINT
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-K3 P-B4
2. P-B4 P-K3 6. PxQP KPxp
3. P-B3 Q-KB3 7. PxP KtxP
4. Kt-B3 Q-KT2

Black has an isolated P but has solved his
opening difficulties.

5. B-K2 B-K2 11. B-K12 R-B1
6. O-O 0-0 12. Kt-Q4 QKL-K5

7. P-QK1 B-K3 13. KtxB
8. P-QB4 14. Kt-K15 P-QR3
9. P-B4 15. R-B1 KtxP!

Again there is no hurry about 25. B-R6 win-
ning an exchange. Black could safely resign.

25. P-R3 31. Q-K2 Kt-K14

26. B-R6 RxP 32. Q-B4 Q-R2
27. PxR QxP 33. 0-Q3 ch. P-K5

28. Q-Q8 ch. K-R2 34. QxRP Q-R1
29. QxB Kt-K5 35. P-B4 Kt-R6 ch.

30. Kt-K2 Q-B2 36. 0-R1

If 35., PxP e.p.; 36. B-Q3 ch wins the Q.

36. K-K2 Q-R2 38. R-Q6 Q-B7

37. KxKt P-K4 39. Kt-B5

Or 39. RxP ch!

39. P-R4 41. R-R8 ch.

40. R-R6 ch. K-K1 Resigns

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

Four-State Team Match
Cedar Rapids, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White A. SANDRIN Black A. LUDWIG
(Illinois) (Nebraska)

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-QB3 P-Q4

Not so sharp is the usual 2. Kt-B3. The
idea is to build up slow positional pressure.

2. P-K3 3. P-KK13 P-Q4

But Black decides to open up some lines.

Not a bad idea but not without danger.

4. PxP Pxp 5. Kt-K4 KtxKt

5. B-K2 Kt-KB3 10. BxKt B-K3

6. Kt-K2 P-Q5 11. O-O P-KR3

7. Kt-K4 Kt-QB3 12. R-K1

8. P-Q3 Kt-Q4 13. KtxQBP!

Kashdan

16. RxKt II. 16. KxKt, Kt-K5 dbl. ch. wins.

16. BxP 20. Kt-Q4 P-K4

17. RxR BxP ch. 21. Kt-B3 Q-B4 ch.

18. KxR QxR 22. K-R1 Kt-K5

19. K-K1 P-QR3 23. Q-QB1 QxQ

Here Black could draw by Kt-B7 ch, Kt-R6
dbl. ch. etc., but the R and two passed

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Tournament Life

Conducted by
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Rochester 3, New York

Having succeeded in posting his Kt on K5,
White should immediately contest two im-
portant lines, the diagonal with 14. B-Q3 and
later the QB file with KR-QB1.

14. RxB!

After 14., RxB!

Gee

After 13. KtxQBP!

Sagdrin

Ps are stronger than the two Bs.

24. BxQ R-B1 25. K-B3
II. 25. B-Q2 or B-KK15, then KtxB wins a
piece; if B-R3 or B-Kt2, then R-B7 wins
a piece.

25. P-Q5 27. B-B4 ch. K-B1

26. B-K1 P-B7 28. P-KR4 P-Q6

The P untouched due to Kt-B7 ch.

Hoping for P-Q8 ch. 31. BxQ, RxB; 32. RtxP
with possible drawing chances.

30. R-K8 Resigns.

For after 31. RtxP, RxB, White is bound
to lose Ps.

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COLLE OPENING

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

DR. E. LASKER 1. P-Q4 H. VISSEPO

2. P-K4 2. P-K3 Kt-KB3

Two satisfactory methods of avoiding the
regular lines of the Colle System are 2.

B-B4 and 2. B-QK13.

3. B-QB4 P-QB2

This move is seldom played in this position.

It is basically illogical since Black's

BQ already has a line open for develop-
ment. 3. P-KK13 is still to be recom-
mended.

4. Kt-KB3 B-K12 7. P-KB4 QKL-Q2

5. K-K5 8. Q-B3

The apparent purpose of this is to put more

force on Kt. Now after 8. P-B4; 9.

B-B3, Black cannot play 9. Kt-K5.

But actually after 8. O-O, P-B4; 9. B-B3,

Kt-K5; is bad because of 10. KtxKt; PxKt;

11. B-K5, B-B1; 12. B-B6 winning the KP.

13. Q-B2 12. P-QR3 P-QR4

14. O-O 13. P-KK4 P-K13

15. P-QB3 P-B5 14. K-K4

This does not help White's advance. With

the vigorous 14. B5, KtxKt; 15. PxKt; QxP;

16. P-B5 White gets a dangerous at-
tack. Also strong and somewhat safer

would be 14. KtxKt and 15. P-B5.

16. P-R5 15. Q-K2

Not necessary yet. Much better is 12. R-QB1

followed by 13. P-QR3. Black can't play

13. KtxRP because of 14. R-R1.

15. B-B4 14. B-B5

16. Kt-K2 Kt-B3

After this there are few winning chances

for either side. 17. K-R1, Kt-Q3; 18. B-P5,

sacrificing a P, would be too risky.

17. Kt-R4 29. P-K4 PxP

18. B-Q2 30. Kt-R5 KtxP

19. QR-K1 0-O-O 31. BxKt BxP

20. P-B4 32. R-B2 R-Q4

21. P-R4 33. Kt(B4) R(O)-Q1 R(B3)

22. P-R5 34. R(K1)-Q1 B-Q3

23. P-R6 35. R-B2 R(Q)-Q2

24. Kt-B6 36. R-K5 R(K1)-Q1

25. Kt(L)-K4 BxKt 37. R(1)-K2 K-K12

26. KtxB Kt-K1 38. B-K1 K-K13

27. Kt-K4 Kt(1)-Q3 39. B-B2 K-B2

28. Kt-B2 KR-B1 40. Q-K4 R(3)-Q2

Drawn.

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ZUKERTORT-RETI OPENING

Manhattan Club vs. Jockey Club
of Buenos Aires, 1947

White S. RESHEVSKY

Black G. STAHLBERG
(Buenos Aires)

1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 18. R-B7 BxKt

2. P-KK1 Kt-KB3 19. PxP QR-B1

3. B-K2 P-KK3 20. KR-B1 RxBx

4. P-Q4 B-K2 21. FxR BxP

5. P-K3 B-K1 22. R-B7

6. P-B4 B-B1 23. R-B7

7. P-B5 B-B3 24. R-B7

8. P-Q5 B-B5 25. R-B7

9. P-Q3 B-B7 26. R-B7

10. P-Q4 B-B7 27. R-B7

11. P-Q5 B-B7 28. R-B7

12. P-Q6 B-B7 29. Kt-Kt

13. P-Q7 B-B7 30. Kt-Kt

14. P-Q8 B-B7 31. Kt-Kt

15. P-Q9 B-B7 32. BxP

16. P-Q10 B-B7 33. R-Q7 P-B4

17. P-Q11 B-B7 34. D-Q5 ch Resigns

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GRUNFELD DEFENSE

North Bay vs. Mechanics Institute
Team Match, San Francisco, 1947

Notes by Edward J. Korpany

White C. BAGBY

(Mechanics Inst.) Black J. B. GEE
(North Bay)

1. P-Q4 2. P-K3 Kt-KB3

2. B-B4 P-QB2

This move is seldom played in this position.

It is basically illogical since Black's

BQ already has a line open for develop-
ment.

3. Kt-B3 P-KK3

White can win the QBP by playing 6. PxP,

etc. But by careful play Black can regain the
P or get a better position, or both.

6. P-B3 7. Kt-B3

We prefer the alternative by MCQ—

7. Q-R4; 8. Kt-K2, Kt-K2; 9. B-K2,

10. B-B2, B-K3; etc. Black's play gives him a doubled isolated P for which the open

R file is not sufficient compensation.

8. QxQ 9. PxP 10. B-B7

Why waste two moves after one of these
developments?

11. Kt-K5 12. K-Q2

Of course, if 11. Kt-K5 then Black holds the
P with 11. RxB.

12. Kt-K5 13. Kt-K2

Not necessary yet. Much better is 12. R-QB1

followed by 13. P-QR3. Black can't play

13. KtxRP because of 14. R-R1.

15. B-B4 16. Kt-B7

17. Kt-K5 KR-B1

18. Kt-B7 ch. 19. Kt-B7

20. B-B7 ch. 21. Kt-B7 and wins.

22. B-B7 ch. 23. B-P3

23. K-B1 B-Q6 24. P-R3

25. Kt-K1 P-QK4

A desperate attempt to equalize. After this
fails the rest is slaughter.

25. R-B2! 26. KxP

27. R-B2 BxR

Resigns.

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ACCEPT REVISED WAYNE REPORT FOR 1948 U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Seed Defending U. S. Champion, Fine, And Last Two U. S. Open Champions

The report of the U. S. Championship Committee, consisting of Richard W. Wayne, chairman, William M. Byland, Milton Finkelstein, Harry Morris and Fred Reinfeld, for the structure of the 1948 Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament has been accepted, with several slight modifications, by vote of the Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation.

In its revised and accepted form, the report calls for a U. S. Championship Tournament to be played at a date between June 30 and September 1, 1948, consisting of twenty players. Of these twenty players, four shall be seeded and sixteen shall earn the right to play by qualifying in one of the seven Area Preliminary Tournaments, which must be completed three months in advance of the commencement of the final U. S. Championship Tournament.

The four seeded players are to be the 1946 U. S. Champion, the winners of the last two U. S. Open Championship Tournaments, and Reuben Fine. The U. S. Champion is Samuel Reshevsky, and the two U. S. Open Champions will be Isaac Kashdan and the winner of the 1948 Open Tournament if the latter is played early enough in the year. Otherwise, the second seeded U. S. Open Champion will be Herman Steiner, the victor at Pittsburgh in 1946.

The seven Areas and their allotment of players for the preliminary qualifying rounds are:

Area 1: Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island to qualify one player.

Area 2: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware to qualify two players.

Area 3: Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa to qualify two players.

Area 4: The District of Columbia and all of the Southern States south of Pennsylvania and east of the Mississippi, except Louisiana, to qualify one player.

Area 5: Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma to qualify one player.

Area 6: Pacific Coast States and all other States west of the Mississippi, except those in any other area, to qualify two players.

Area 7: State of New York to qualify seven players.

If any of the seeded players are unable to compete, their places in the Tournament will not be filled, but vacancies caused by the inability of any players from the qualifying Area Tournaments to compete will be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee of the Federation. Otherwise, no player beyond the seeded four is to be nominated, but each must earn his right to participate by competition in a designated Area Tournament.

Puerto Rico is assigned to Area 4, and it is designated that players from other U. S. Territories and Possessions shall compete in

the Area Tournament geographically most convenient.

The principle changes made by the Board of Directors at Corpus Christi and by final vote of the Board as a whole were: 1) seeding the two last U. S. Open Champions; 2) seeding Reuben Fine; 3) raising the number of final participants from the recommended seventeen to twenty; 4) placing Louisiana in Area 5 instead of Area 4; 5) placing Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma in Area 5 instead of Area 6; 6) allocating vacancies in the Area qualifications to nomination by the Executive Committee rather than allocating such vacancies to Area 7 as originally proposed.

PRESIDENT FILLS VACANCIES ON C.C.L.A. BOARD

Erich W. Marchand, of Rochester, New York, President of the Correspondence Chess League of America, has announced his appointment of Wm. M. "Spack" Spackman, Boulder, Colorado, at present Associate Editor of "THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT," to fill the vacancy in the CCLA Board of Directors created by the untimely passing of its popular Second Vice-President, the late Henry G. Tyer, of Andover, Mass.

The vacancy in the post of Treasurer of the CCLA caused by the resignation of Milton O. Meyer, well known West coast chess figure, due to business commitments, will be filled by veteran CCLA'er Leo Ivok, of Worcester, Mass. Marchand also reports, at the same time expressing extreme regret, on behalf of the League members, at the loss of two such staunch workers and friends as Tyer and Meyer.

FRENCH HEADS HARRISBURG CLUB

At the annual meeting on the Harrisburg Chess Club USCF Director John French was reelected president, H. B. Brillinger vice-president, C. W. Row secretary, Karl Roth treasurer, Ira C. Isenberg team captain, Dr. Benjamin Halpern instructor, and D. P. Miller Bulletin editor.

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The Face Veneer is Andaman Padouk (Vermilion wood)—a brilliant colored red wood with darker red stripes. It comes from the Andaman Island in the Indian Ocean.

The Chess-Board is of Holly and East Indies Rosewood.

The Half-Queens are Birds-Eye Maple, mounted on transparent red prexiglass. The Side Veneer is Thuya Burl, found only in the Atlas Mountains of Algeria, and is light brown in color with tiny eyes, similar to Birds-Eye Maple, but the grain is more delicate and intricate.

The Back is Prima Vera, a white wood with a grain similar to Striped Mahogany. The Top and Bottom are of Honduras Mahogany.

The Lettering "United States Chess Federation, etc." is on clear

Radio Gives Blow-By-Blow Account of Koltanowski Simul at Louisville

Even George Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, confessed to a thrill on November 10 when his thirty-board simultaneous exhibition at Louisville (Ky.) Chess Club was given a blow-by-blow broadcast over Station WGRC.

The enterprising W. F. Johnson of WGRC planned the occasion and announcer Bovard Clayton acted as master of ceremonies, while Louisville's Chess Columnist, USCF Director Merrill Dowden, abetted by William B. Schmitt of the Louisville Chess Club, did the broadcasting of the more technical chess details of the exhibition.

In performing in the probable first radio broadcast of this nature, showman George Koltanowski gave one of his excellent evenings of skill and dexterity and conceded only one loss to Wallace Oppel of the University of Louisville out of the thirty boards played.

prexiglass, permitting a clear view of the African Blackwood background. The lettering is put on in the same manner as the gold lettering on books or briefcases. The lettering "World Chess Champion" is in gold leaf hand work.

The plate for the winner's name will be placed directly over the chessboard and can be either a metal plate or prexiglass.

CANADIAN FED. CHESS YEARBOOK

The recently issued 1946-47 Yearbook of the Chess Federation of Canada is a 56 page volume with 35 illustrations, a map of Canadian Chess Clubs and much interesting data upon Canadian Chess history and events. It is available to chess players in the United States for \$1.00 (which includes dues to the CFC). Those interested may write Leopold Christin, 29 Artillerie Street, Quebec, Canada.

BIG XMAS EVENT; INTERCOLLEGIATE CHESS TOURNEY

The second Biennial Intercollegiate Individual Chess Championship Tournament is set for the Xmas holiday date of December 26-30 at Columbia University in New York City. Four players from each college in the U. S. or Canada are eligible to enter, provided that each player meets the minimum eligibility rules of his own school.

The Tournament Committee, headed by Rhys Hays, Secretary of the College Chess Committee of the USCF, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y. is now accepting entries for this individual championship event with an entry fee of \$5.00 which includes membership in the USCF. Entries accompanied by entry fee must be sent to Rhys Hays by December 20th.

The Tournament will be conducted on the Swiss system with Richard W. Wayne acting as Tournament Director and John D. French serving as Tournament Referee; and the winner will receive custody of the new H. Arthur Nabel trophy for a period of two years, as on alternate years the Intercollegiate Team Tournament will be held.

The Committee has arranged for the accommodation of fifteen out-of-town players at Columbia University fraternity houses without cost. Players are requested to bring a chess clock whenever possible, due to shortage of these valuable items. The 1946 Collegiate Champion, Kiven Plessert will be on hand to defend his title.

Organizing A Chess Club

By Lucius A. Fritze

(From the United States Chess Federation Club Manual)

The following article is the first of a series from the USCF Club Manual, edited by Gene Collett, the manuscript for which has been completed. The book will be published at an early date, but in order to make it immediately available to club officials and others interested in chess promotion, some of the more important articles will be published in CHESS LIFE.

ANY group of players, however small, can set up an organization of the club type, providing them with additional opportunities for engaging in their favorite diversion.

Most chess clubs start as small units, perhaps of only four or five persons, even if merely for organizational purposes. If conditions are right in the locality that is, if competition from other activities is not too intense, and if the town is large enough to support a club—the membership can be increased quickly to an adequate figure.

Much of the information and advice given in this article will be concerned with clubs of 25 members or more, but most of the methods are adaptable in some degree to even smaller groups.

The figure of 25 is chosen because a club, to be assured of continuous, successful, year-in, year-out operation, needs at least that many active, dues-paying members. This statement should not discourage persons who have organized or who may be organizing smaller groups, even where no hope exists that a membership of 25 may eventually be reached. There is always room for such organizations; their special problems will be discussed later.

Let us assume, for the moment, that we are talking about clubs with at least 25 or 30 members, clubs whose memberships may run into the hundreds. This gives us a basis for discussion.

The preliminary effort, before actual organization of such a club, is largely a matter of determining the amount of interest shown in the Please Turn to Page 3, Column 3



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AVE ATQUE VALE

At last the time has come when we must voice our farewells and part company, treading down our now separate roads into an obscure future. Several severe and irreconcilable differences in opinion upon the editorial policies of CHESS LIFE demand a change in editors. All gears must be greased and the machinery overhauled.

In bidding you farewell after these fourteen months of pleasant association, I wish now to express my sincere appreciation of your constant and loyal support and to thank you for your most encouraging letters. I can but trust that you will accord to my successor the same understanding support through the days to come that you have always accorded me. Else will I know that my fourteen months have been altogether wasted in a fruitless endeavor.

Montgomery Major

THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT OF 1948

(Monthly Letter No. 48)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

EARLIER this year a committee was appointed to submit specific recommendations to the Directors of the Federation concerning the tournament for the United States Chess Championship. The committee was composed of Richard W. Wayne as Chairman, William M. Byland, Milton Finkelstein, Harry Morris and Fred Reinfeld, a group of men who represented in the aggregate many years of experience in the planning and management of chess tournaments. They came squarely to grips with the problems involved and presented a report which contained definite ideas for the effective handling of this most important of national tournaments. That report was given to the Directors who were assembled at the 48th Annual Congress in Corpus Christi last August. With certain modifications the Directors enthusiastically adopted the report and it was then passed along to the entire board for their consideration.

The most important modification proposed by the Directors at the Corpus Christi meeting concerned the subject of seeding players for the finals of the tournament. The committee had recommended that only the Chess Champion of the United States be seeded, and that if the Champion for any reason should not take part, no one be seeded. The Directors at the meeting proposed that the winners of the Open Championship Tournaments in the two years intervening the U. S. Championships be seeded in addition. The determination to permit the Open Tournament winners to compete might well have designated them as additional qualifiers rather than as seeded players, for the effect was to constitute the Open competition as a qualifying medium.

During the discussion of the question at the Directors' meeting, Dr. Edward Lasker, Director from New York, requested that he be given the privilege of submitting additional proposals before the question went to the entire board for final vote. Permission to do so was granted, Dr. Lasker subsequently proposed that Reuben Fine be seeded to play in the finals.

Ballots were then mailed to all Directors of the Federation, including the Executive Committee who are automatically vested with Director status by reason of their offices. The response was both gratifying and interesting. Gratifying because over 90 per cent of the Directors participated actively in the determination of this important Federation policy by sending in their ballots. Interesting because of the conclusions which may be drawn.

First, there can be no doubt that the Area representation plan proposed by the committee has the endorsement of the country at large. The Directors voted 20-1 to approve the report, either in its original form or with the modifications proposed by the Corpus Christi meeting, upon which the majority agreed. In no state (except one where two Directors were evenly divided on the question) did the report fail to gain a majority of the votes cast. The result must therefore be regarded as a national trend and not as the ascendancy of any section of the country over another. It is fair to interpret such vote as supporting the committee recommendation against seeding in general.

In the face of such overwhelming decision against seeding, the fact that Fine came through, even though by a narrow margin, must be regarded as a personal triumph for him. It is questionable whether any other player in the country (except the Champion) could have breached so strong a current. Here again, the opinion was national and not sectional. In no part of the country was the sentiment wholly for or wholly against the proposition. Many states were evenly divided, even where Directors were members of the same club. The fact that Fine was invited by the International Chess Federation to play in its World Championship Tournament next spring was undoubtedly a factor, although it is not possible to measure its weight.

These questions are controversial in the highest degree, even in chess which has its essence in the advocacy of one view against another. It is salutary that they can on occasion be threshed out in accordance with democratic, or at least representative, processes.

Committees are now being established in each of the seven Areas so that the qualifying play may be completed by the end of next March. Meantime, the selection of the site of the finals will be made and every effort will be exerted to make the seventh of the biennial tournaments for the United States Chess Championship completely successful. The chess players of the country will be kept informed at each step of the proceeding.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

WHEN I was Chess Editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer 1929-1937, the column I conducted was, according to the opinion of problem lovers, one of the best, if not the best, of all chess columns. This opinion, I believe, was attributable to the fact that I tried to make the column of personal interest by inviting readers, contributors and correspondents to submit articles pertaining to chess problems for publication.

The popularity of the column increased with my endeavors to instruct budding problem composers in the art of problem composing.

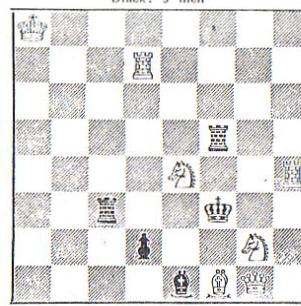
The space allotted me by the Enquirer was so generous that I was enabled to accomplish these things. As Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE I shall continue my endeavors to encourage and assist young composers and publish from time to time to worthwhile problem articles, despite the fact that the space allotted is much less than that formerly granted me as Enquirer Chess Editor. The management of CHESS LIFE has informed me that more space will be granted me when CHESS LIFE expands, which is a hope for the near future.

While the problems that have thus far appeared in this new feature of CHESS LIFE, the problem section, are the creations of master problem builders, it is my intention in the not too distant future to start the publication of worthwhile original problems received from novices evincing interest in the construction of problems. The "worthwhiles" referred to, will be determined by CHESS LIFE'S Problem Editor.

My reasons for the eventual publication of original problems are embraced in the following:

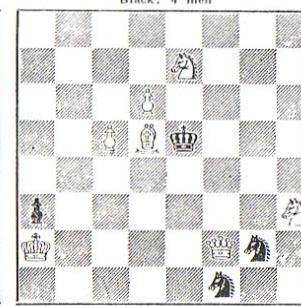
- 1) The master composer was once a novice.
- 2) He was given aid and encouragement by the publication of his earlier composing efforts.
- 3) The master has gained fame; his best works are well known; he needs no further assistance.
- 4) The present novice aspires to become a master composer.
- 5) He requires such help as was once bestowed on the master, who started as a novice.
- 6) CHESS LIFE'S problem section will endeavor to aid him in attaining his ultimate objective by the encouragement given with the publication of his compositions.

Problem No. 5
By Sam Loyd
(Deceased)
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
K7, 3R4, 8, 5r2, 4S2R, 2R2K2, 3P2S1, 4BbQ1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 6
By W. A. Shinkman
(Deceased)
Black: 4 men



White: 7 men
8, 4S3, 3P4, 8, p6S, K4Qs1, 5e2
White mates in two moves



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

With the publication of Problems No. 5 and 6, we continue to honor the memory of deceased eminent problem composers. No. 5 was a conception of the great trickster, Sam Loyd, born 1841, died 1911. Loyd was not a great tourney problemist but was generally conceded to be the greatest of all problem geniuses.

Problem No. 6 is a composition of the late lamented Wm. A. Shinkman. Shinkman was born in Bohemia on Christmas Day 1847. His parents with their children came to America in 1854 and settled in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Wm. A. Shinkman lived until his death in 1933. A nephew of his, Otto Wurzburg, also a world renowned composer, is now alive and active in the same Michigan City.

From A Sketchbook of American Problemists we quote: "Loyd and Shinkman were the standard bearers of the American Chess problem for three quarters of a century and during this period the merit of our other composers is to a considerable extent to be measured by the degree in which they each managed to catch a 'little bit' of the joint Loyd-Shinkman wizardry." Shinkman began composing in 1870 and during his sixty years devoted to the compositing art had a total estimated output of some three thousand five hundred problems."

Solutions

The keymove of Problem No. 1 is: 1) Q-R4. The variations are: 1..... KxP; 2. B-B3. If 1..... BxP; ch, 2. R-Kt; If 1..... BxP; ch, 2. BxP, If 1..... BxP; 2. QxP. If 1..... BxP; ch, 2. R-Qs. If 1..... R-Kt; other: 2. BxP. Has a splendid key and some excellent mates.

The keymove of Problem No. 2 is: 1) P-K6 with the threat to mate by 2. R-K5. Variations are: 1..... B-R4 or B4; 2. B-Q5; 2. B-Q5; If 1..... B-Q5; 2. B-Q5; If 1..... R-Kt; 2. B-Q5; If 1..... R-Kt; 2. B-Q5. In this problem as set a mate is provided for 1..... RxKt; 2. RxKt; by 2. P-R4! mate. The average solver is loath to abandon this setup mate and consequently finds the key difficult to discover. What was your reaction? Did you find it easy or difficult?

Correct solutions to Problems No. 1 and 2 are acknowledged received from E. Hollway, Grand Rapids, Mich.; H. Greenlyke, Newport, Ky.; Dr. Shatz, N. Gabor and Prof. H. K. Justice of Cincinnati, Ohio; Roland E. Pariseau, Woonsocket, R. I.; Mr. Bairden, Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Playful prowlers, according to report, broke into the Gould Construction Company office at Davenport, Iowa and stole a checker board and chess set.

One police officer, surveying the scene of the crime, remarked: "We'll have to wait for their next move."

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE 13-year old boy began to haunt the chess clubs of New York in 1945. Full of spirit, always talking, he was certain that he would one day be champion of the world. Player after player succumbed to his endless demand for another game, and the youngster moved from Q-odds to R-odds to equality with the best. Then, he was a finalist in the Junior Championships, obtained and lost a won game against Stelner at Pittsburgh, placed 5th in the Marshall Chess Club Championships, beat Yanofsky at Corpus Christi, and is today leading the field in the 1947-48 Marshall tournament. An unyielding love of the game, a tireless studying of its every phase, and a deep well of talent have made Larry Evans a true chessmaster of tomorrow!

The Commercial Chess League competition continues to be a tight affair, with Bell Telephone currently in the lead. At the Manhattan Chess Club, Arthur Bisguier and Bobby Siff lead in the preliminaries of the club championship, with former U. S. woman's champion Grosser making a strong showing.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Rodrigo Flores, champion of Chile, was unable to defend his Marshall Chess Club title this year. However, the tournament finds an able replacement in the presence of former club champion Herbert Seidman, who has returned to competition after a one-year rest. As this column predicted, the trio of Halper, Pilnick and Mengarini are among the leaders!

A new Brooklyn Chess Club star begins to shine on the horizon. Watch for the name and exploits of Moe Osher!

For The Tournament-Minded

November 30
Sixth Annual Lightning Chess
Championship
Brooklyn Academy of Music
Brooklyn, New York

Entrance fee \$2.00 to USCF members (Non-members must add \$1.00 dues for membership in the Federation). Admission charge to spectators \$1.00. Address inquiries to Dr. Edward Lasker, 153 East 37th Street, New York, N. Y.

December 26-30
2nd Biennial Individual
Intercollegiate Championship
New York, N. Y.

Sponsored by the College Chess Committee under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation; open to any college player meeting his school's regular eligibility rules; four entries permitted from each school; write Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y., for further information.

December 27-28
2nd Oklahoma State Championship
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Open to Oklahoma chess players; for details write Dr. Kester Svendsen, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

KRAMER BESTS DOWNTOWN YMCA IN SIMULTANEOUS

George Kramer, the New York junior, gave a simultaneous exhibition on November 15 at the Downtown YMCA (Pittsburgh) Chess Club. Kramer, former New York State Champion, won fourteen and lost a single game to club president W. A. Mallory.

The youthful New Yorker preceded his exhibition with an interesting lecture on one of his games from the last U. S. Championship Tournament.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Crime And Punishment

In chess the initiative is vital; and yet it is more elusive than quicksilver. Worse yet, its passing is often almost imperceptible, while the consequences are drastic. In the following game, we see once more (as in the recent example Whitehead—Maroczy) how Black whips up the apparently stodgy French formation into a crescendo of attacking fury.

FRENCH DEFENSE

Jurata, 1937

White YAGIELSKY
1. P-K4
2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3
4. B-K5
5. BxKt

This antique, a prime favorite with the immortal Anderssen, has been refurbished in recent years with the "new look."

6. P-K5
7. Q-K4
8. Kt-B3

A three-fold mistake: (1) he deprives the KP of adequate support by P-B4; (2) he omits the important attacking move B-Q3; (3) he cuts off his Queen from contact with the Queen-side.

g. P-K4

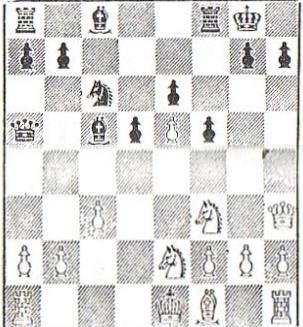
A brain-teaser for White: if he captures in passing, he frees Black's game; if he retreats his Queen, he blocks a useful avenue of attack.

9. Q-R3
10. Kt-K2?

Much too dilatory. 10. Q-O-O was relatively better, although Black would have little to fear.

11. P-B3
12. PxP

With this offer of a piece, Black pitilessly demonstrates that the initiative is firmly in his hands.



If now 13. P-QKt4, KtxKtP; 14. PxKt, BxKtP ch; 15. K-Q1, Q-R5 ch; 16. K-B1, B-Q2 and White's King is not long for this world.

13. Kt-B1
A magnificent surprise.

14. KxK
Q-Kt6ch
So that if 15. K-K1, QxP; 16. Kt-Kt3, QxP ch coming out with four Pawns and a tremendous attack for the sacrificed piece.

15. K-K5
KtxP!!
16. KtxKt

Resignation; if instead 16. Kt-Kt3, P-B5 ch; 17. K-R4, Q-Q1 ch!; 18. K-R5 (or 18. Kt-Kt5, P-KR3), P-Kt3 ch; 19. K-R6, Kt-B2 mate!

16.
Q-K6ch

White resigns. If 17. Kt-B3 (on 17. K-R4, Q-B5 ch; 18. Kt-Kt4 or 18. P-Kt4, R-B3 forces mate), P-B5 ch; 18. K-R4, P-K4!; 19. P-KKt4, PxP e.p. wins at once (20. QxP, Q-R3 mate!).

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ORGANIZING A CHESS CLUB

Continued from Page 1, Column 4

game and the potential number of players available.

In such groups as schools, social clubs, industrial plants, and Army and Navy posts, a survey is quite simple. In metropolitan areas or small cities, however, it is a more complex task to locate players and to estimate the degree of interest.

Chess is quite popular in some localities. Numerous groups already are playing and, with effective promotional effort, an active club can be formed easily. This situation does not always exist, however, and it may be that competition from other activities may make the problem of chess club promotion extremely difficult.

For this reason, a careful analysis of local conditions should be made. Recreational and sports activities in the United States are well organized and are promoted intensively. Some of these activities are seasonal but the overlapping provides a fairly continuous program throughout the year. Baseball, softball, golf, tennis and other outdoor games are tough competition. During other seasons, bowling, football, basketball and varied club activities make heavy inroads on the time of both adults and juniors. Before you attempt to organize a chess club, you should be able to answer affirmatively this question: Will the incentives which the club offers be sufficient to meet the resistance from other special organized activities?

If the answer is "Yes," there is a place for a chess club with a certain number of individuals. You now face a second question: Will this group be large enough to sustain club activities and provide an adequate membership?

To find the solution to this riddle, it is wise to make a tabulation of both favorable and unfavorable factors. Each locality has special conditions not common to all cities and it is well to determine if such local conditions would have a depressing influence on chess club operations and whether such antagonistic pressure can be overcome.

The urge for a chess club usually stems from a group of persons who have been playing together for some time and who desire to improve themselves through contact with stronger players, or who perhaps merely get a yen to see new faces in their group.

A unit of four to eight persons is sufficient for starting a club. Usually there is someone among the players who has a peculiar ability for organization. He need not be a good player. In most cases, brilliant organizers are not leaders in tournament play. But they do have special qualities which make it possible for them to survey local conditions and to undertake the promotion of a club.

The first step, naturally, is the appointment of such a person as "manager" or "chairman." He will then make his plans for a survey of the city and will delegate to other interested persons the work for which they are best suited.

If other small groups are known to play occasionally in your city, they should be contacted and their cooperation solicited. The group leaders, particularly persons of known executive ability, should be asked to aid in the organizational work and each person should be given definite duties.

The next step is to determine, after making contact with other chess players of the city, whether they are sufficient in number and imbued with enough interest to make it worthwhile to organize a club. General interest in itself is not enough. It is essential for the promoters to know how many players would join a club, pay dues and attend meetings regularly.

A committee should be formed to study conditions in your city which might have an adverse effect on the club. The report of this committee should be studied carefully by all. If the factors—probable membership, interest and local conditions—are favorable, you have a sound foundation on which to build.

Should the committee reports seem to leave the question undecided, a rule-of-thumb, which works in most cities, may be useful. Spot checking indicates that of each 1,000 male population, 30 persons are interested in chess; and that of each 1,000 male population, about 10 would join a chess club and pay dues.

Simple mathematics, therefore, tells us that the smallest community capable of supporting a chess club of 25 to 30 members is one of about 10,000 population. There are, of course, exceptions to this rule—a larger community may not provide the needed players; a smaller community may have so many chess players that it will prove ideal for chess club promotion. This makes the work of a thorough survey doubly important.

Sometimes, where several small communities lie close together, they can combine their chess-playing populations into a single club.

The nucleus of enthusiastic players—the organizers, usually—will naturally be the mainstay of any chess club. They will be strengthened and sustained from time to time by the arrival of equally enthusiastic newcomers; in fact, a club soon declines if it fails to get an occasional infusion of new blood.

In the next article in this series, Mr. Fritze will show the chess club actually organizing and settling down to work.

OHIO BESTS PENN IN TEAM MATCH AT TRI-STATE

At the time of the Tri-State Tournament in Cleveland which H. Landis Marks of West Virginia won, elaborate plans were laid for an accompanying tri-state team match. But the elements and Lady Luck reduced the plans to a smaller scale. The Erie Chess Club delegation for Pennsylvania failed to arrive because of a transportation breakdown and the West Virginia team was unable to attend.

In the resulting match between Ohio and Pennsylvania teams, Ohio won by the close score of 4-3.

Ohio Team	Pennsylvania Team
M. W. Patrick	J. Firestone
L. Friedman	I. Firestone
H. Miller	R. Olin
F. Haber	W. Wagner
W. Granger	R. Olin
G. Miller	I. Firestone
C. Bielecki	J. Firestone
Ohio	Pennsylvania
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TEAM MATCH HELD AT MISSOURI STATE MEETING

The Missouri State Chess Ass'n held its annual meeting at Columbia November 8-9 and among other business transacted was the resolution to hold the State Tournament in Kansas City in the spring to determine Missouri players eligible to represent the State in the Area 4 Championship Preliminaries.

H. M. Wesenberg (Kansas City) was elected president, Dr. Jack Zellermeyer (Kansas City) vice-president, and George H. Latshaw (Kansas City) secretary-treasurer.

In connection with the annual meeting a team tournament was held with five-man teams from Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia. On game points St. Louis led, although tied in match victories with Kansas City.

Kansas City	Columbia
Dr. J. Zellermeyer	Gene Metz
H. M. Wesenberg	H. F. Branch
C. Dudley	Dr. D. R. Scott
Ross H. Latshaw	H. P. Stephens
Prof. W. Vials	Prof. F. O. Duncan
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Kansas City	Columbia

St. Louis	Columbia
F. S. Anderson	Gene Metz
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R. Polke	H. P. Stephens
M. Horn	Dr. H. E. Allen
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St. Louis	Columbia

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MAX PAVEY TOPS FIELD TO WIN 6th ANNUAL LIGHTNING EVENT

D. Byrne and L. Evans Tie for 2nd;

Kevitz and Seidman Tie for 4th

Forty players met at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on November 30 to compete in the Sixth Annual U. S. Lightning Tournament, sponsored by the Brooklyn Chess Club under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation. The title of U. S. Lightning Chess Champion, held for four years by Reuben Fine and then in 1946 by Dr. Juan Gonzales, went to Max Pavey, former Champion of Scotland, who lost one game to Herbert Seidman, former Brooklyn College Champion, and drew with Arthur Bisguier and Larry Evans, U. S. Junior Speed Champion.

Winning the preliminaries in a tie with Arthur Bisguier with $6\frac{1}{2}$ and conceding his only draw to Bisguier, Pavey continued in top form to win the finals and custody of the Stephens Trophy by a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Tied for second in the finals were two New York juniors, Donald Byrne and Larry Evans with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ each. Evans lost games to Donald Byrne and Bisguier and drew with Pavey. Byrne, New York State Speed Champion, lost to Pavey and Walter Shipman and drew with Alexander Kevitz. Fourth place was shared by Kevitz and H. Seidman with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The consolation tournament of eleven contenders who did not qualify for the finals was won by George Shainswit with a score of 9-1. Jack W. Collins, chairman of the Brooklyn Chess Club, was second with 8-2; and J. F. Donovan and A. Turner tied for third with 6-4.

In the second consolation group, Julius Goodman of Cleveland was first with a score of 8-1, losing only one game to Sven Almgren, while Almgren finished in a triple tie for second with P. Brandts and H. Ostereicher with scores of 6-3 each.

The tournament was conducted by Dr. Edward Lasker as Tournament Director, and Philip Gold, president of the Brooklyn Chess Club and editor of the *Chess Correspondent* of the CCLA, acted as referee.

SCHOOL LEAGUE IN HUDSON CO.

The Interscholastic Chess League of Hudson County (N. J.) opened its second annual team tournament for the Paul Helbig trophy on November 25 with teams from Demarest, Memorial and Bayonne High School Chess Clubs competing. Play will be held at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club which is sponsoring the tournament.

TENN. OPEN MEET AT CHATTANOOGA

On December 27-28 the Tennessee Valley Open Tournament will be held at the Patton Hotel in Chattanooga as a six round Swiss under the direction of John Hay. Open to all players, large delegations are expected from Knoxville, Oak Ridge, Johnson City, Elizabethtown and Atlanta. The Chattanooga Chess Club is host to the event.

MAX GUZE SHOWS SPEED AT QUEBEC

Winner of the Montreal Speed Title, Max Guze added to his laurels by acquiring the Quebec Provincial Speed Championship in a tournament held at Sorel by the newly organized Quebec Provincial Chess Ass'n in which thirty players took part.

Officers of the new Ass'n are: Mayor Napoleon Courtemanche of Montreal, honorary president; Dr. J. Rauch (Montreal) president; R. Trotter (Quebec) and E. Brisebois (Montreal) vice-presidents; P. Brunet (Montreal) secretary; J. A. Morrissette (Quebec) treasurer; A. Holton (Sherbrooke), P. Hersberger (Arvida), G. St. Pierre (Shawinigan Falls), and G. Ross (Rimouski) directors.

G. KOLTANOWSKI AT UNIV. OF OKLA.

Visiting Norman, Okla., George Koltanowski won twenty-one games while drawing one against University of Oklahoma Chess Club players. The draw went to Dr. Kester Svendson. In two blindfold games, Koltanowski lost one (his first in many exhibitions) to student Lee Hendrix.

The University of Oklahoma Student Chess Club won a match against the Ft. Sill-Lawton Chess Club on November 21 by a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; and plans a return match with the Oklahoma City Chess Club, with which it drew by a score of 7-7 in October.

MINN. CHESS CLUB BESTS SO. MINN.

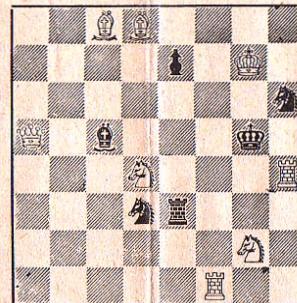
The Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club journeyed to Owatonna (Minn.) on November 2 to meet and triumph over the Southern Minnesota chess group by a score of $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ despite the presence of Dr. Koelsche at first board for the Southerners.

Minneapolis Chess 0
W. R. Jones 0
Robert Ott 1
C. O'Leary 1
J. O'Leary 1
P. Ganzis 1
H. Fructman 1
Sheldon Rein 1
C. H. Simmer 1
O. M. Oilman 1
W. E. Kaiser 1
L. Miller 1
O. Aarhus 1
E. J. Miller 1
W. A. MacManigal 1
W. G. Gelernter 1
Donald McElroy 1
C. Spangler 1
Dr. L. T. Knapp 1
Minneapolis 13½

Southern Minnesota 0
Dr. G. A. Koelsche 0
Dr. D. Paula 0
S. McMahon 1
S. Smith 0
Dr. Hunter 0
M. Kuhn 1
B. Church 0
R. Haines 0
Robert Berggren 0
O. N. Linden 0
C. F. Smith 0
J. A. Baker 1
A. E. Knaub 0
A. Kirk 0
G. Wasser 0
Kendall 0
So. Minnesota 4½

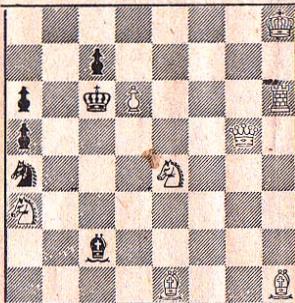
Prize Winning Problems USCF Problem Composing Tourney

FIRST PRIZE
Francis J. C. DeBlasio
Brooklyn, N. Y.



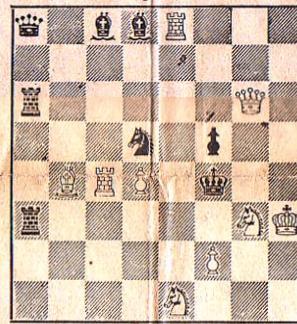
White mates in two moves

FIRST PRIZE
J. Scheel
Aker, Norway



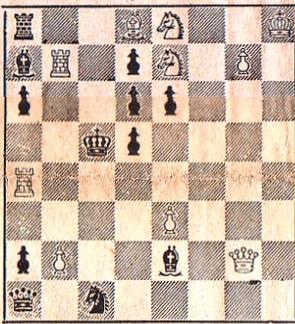
White mates in three moves

SECOND PRIZE
Vincent L. Eaton
Washington, D. C.



White mates in two moves

SECOND PRIZE
Antonio Piatesi
Bologna, Italy



White mates in three moves

Solutions will be published in January 5th issue

J. SCHEEL AND F. J. C. DEBLASIO WIN USCF PROBLEM TOURNEYS

*Brooklyn Composer Wins Two Mover;
Norwegian Wins Three Mover Event*

The Problem Tourney of the United States Chess Federation, announced in the 1945 Yearbook, attracted entries from 94 problem composers, representing 22 different countries, including Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Palestine, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and the United States.

In the Two Move Tourney victory went to Francis J. C. DeBlasio of Brooklyn with the entry of Vincent L. Eaton of Washington in second place. Third place went to C. S. Kipping of England, fourth place to J. Gize of Denmark, and fifth place to Eric Hassberg of Brooklyn. Honorable mentions were accorded Alfred Karlstrom (Norway), Comins Mansfield (Scotland), A. F. Arguello (Spain). Commended problems were submitted by E. A. Wirtanen (Finland), Lars Larsen (Denmark), P. C. Thomson (England), G. J. Nietvelt (Belgium).

In the Three Move Tourney J. Scheel of Aker, Norway, won the first prize, and Antonio Piatesi of Bologna, Italy, was second. Third place went to Vincent L. Eaton of Washington. Honorable mentions were given to Eric M. Hassberg (Brooklyn), Vincent L. Eaton (Washington), G. A. Croes (Holland). Commended problems were submitted by Otto Wurzburg (Grand Rapids), Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati), E. A. Wirtanen (Finland) and Knut Arnstam (Sweden).

Dr. P. G. Keeney (CHESS LIFE Problem Editor) and his colleagues, Frank A. Holloway and Edgar W. Allen, tested all the entries before submitting them to the Tourney judges, Kenneth S. Howard, editor of the Problem Section of The American Chess Bulletin, and Geoffrey Mott-Smith. A final test for anticipated positions was given each selected entry through the courtesy of C. S. Kipping of Wednesbury, England, curator of the White-Hume Problem Collection, before the awards were made.

Complete publication of all prize-winning problems, those receiving honorable mention and those given commendation has been made in the 1946 USCF Yearbook, available to all USCF members.

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SYRACUSE FOUNDS "CHESS TALK"

Opening its fall season, the Syracuse (N. Y.) Chess Club has established a new publication "Syracuse Chess Talk" under the editorship of Walter Froelich, 1947 Co-Champion of Syracuse and student in journalism at the University of Syracuse. Donald D. Dann will be associate editor.

At the annual meeting Hedley R. Weeks was elected president; Leon Grass vice-president; John C. Cummings treasurer; Walter Froelich secretary; and Arthur Damon assistant secretary. USCF Executive Vice-President Paul G. Giers was elected chairman of the board; and the following were named directors: Severin Bischoff, George N. Cheney, William L. Ford, P. L. Guckemus, Arthur M. Hurwitz, Bede Hutchinson and Jacques Levey.

Donation of the "Edward Robson Trophy" by Mr. Nye was announced at the meeting. The trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the Syracuse City Championship and commemorates the late Edward Robson, well remembered for his "Chess Bug Sez" cartoons in earlier issues of CHESS LIFE.

EDWARD I. TREEND BUSY TRAVELLER

USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend of Detroit is a much travelled man. November 14 saw him at the Battle Creek Chess Club where he delivered a short lecture on an unusual display of valuable chess pieces and unique chess books and photographs from his private collection to members of the club and visitors from the Percy Jones General Hospital.

December saw him present the same display of interesting chess curiosities and antiques to the Northville Library Chess Club upon the occasion of presenting the Club with USCF Charter No. 168. Upon each occasion Mr. Treend offered a problem solving contest and awarded a book prize to the quickest solver.

HYDE PARK UPSET TO UNIV. OF CHGO

In the Greater Chicago Chess League the Hyde Park Chess Club scored a 4-2 upset over the defending champion University of Chicago, while the Ill. Inst. of Technology bested Viking Athletic 4-2; Austin Chess downed Irving Park Chess 3½-½; and Ogden Chess defeated Electro-Motive Chess 4-2. In the second round Hyde Park bested Ill. Inst. of Technology by 4-2; Austin downed Ogden by 3½-½; and Hawthorne Chess defeated Irving Park by 3½-½.

GERMANTOWN "Y" RESUMES "NOTES"

After a five-month interval the Germantown YMCA Chess Club (Pa.) has resumed publication of "Chess Notes" under the editorship of Walter Hall. On the annual business meeting October 1, W. L. Arkless was elected president, Walter Hall secretary, W. Kappel treasurer, W. L. Arkless captain of Red team, and Joe Nelson captain of Blue team.

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A Chess Club Is Born

By Lucius A. Fritz

(From the United States Chess Federation Club Manual)
This is second in a series of articles from the USCF Club Manual, scheduled
for publication in book form at an early date.

In every community, there are many persons who have played chess
in the past but whose game has gone rusty. They are frequently
quite sensitive about the lapse and need considerable encouragement before they will attempt club play.

Such players, and others who may not have been reached in a promotional campaign, can often be interested through newspaper publicity. One effective method is to announce that the new club will have classes, with competent instructors, to provide training for those who wish to brush up on their game, as well as for those who do not know the game but wish to learn it.

How much you can get into the newspapers depends on how good a publicity man you have and how receptive he finds the editors. If possible, you should get into your stories the purpose of the club, the recreational and social value of chess, and some of your plans for play and entertainment. Mostly, you will be forced to stick to straight, simple news items about your club, but this can be made very effective.

There are ex-soldiers in every locality. Many of them learned chess while in the service. Get them to your meetings and let them know what a good thing the club is.

College students—if there is a college in your vicinity—will want temporary membership in your club. They are usually good players and will add to the strength of your competition. A junior section also will be a strong adjunct to your club.

Here is an important point: A chess club, in the last analysis, serves its members best and most completely when it provides chess, and nothing but chess, for their enjoyment. If, however, your survey shows that your town cannot provide a sufficiently large group for a purely chess club, it may be possible to enlarge the prospective membership by admitting checker players. Checkers is an excellent game, closely allied to chess, and though there is much rivalry between the adherents of the two sports, it has been found that they can work and play in the same club without dissension. In fact, where both games are played, many inveterate checker players develop quickly into first-rate chess players.

And a word of warning: What we say here about checkers does not extend to other games, such as bridge. Clubs which have added bridge sections usually find, and in a short time, that their play is distracted by the alien activity. Promoters who permit card-playing sections in chess clubs have only themselves to blame if, after a while, they find the chess players have withdrawn and only bridge players remain.

When a club promoter's preliminary work has been completed, the next step is an organization meeting. It is advisable for the group to select a chairman, preferably the promoters, and a secretary, who also should be familiar with the work already done. To keep everything proper, the organization meeting, as all other meetings of the club, should be conducted under Roberts "Rules of Order."

The purpose of the first meeting is to set up committees to work out details of the proposed club prior to the election of directors and officers. The chairman should be given authority to name committees and to prepare recommendations to be submitted at a later meeting, say, in two or three weeks. It is suggested that these committees be named:

- (1) Organization—to prepare by-laws and an organizational chart.
- (2) Club headquarters—to secure a meeting place.
- (3) Nomination—to submit candidates for directors and officers.

(4) General—to offer recommendations on the number of meetings to be held each month and a suitable name for the club, to assist in providing publicity for the club, and to perform such miscellaneous functions as, in view of peculiar local locations, the promoter may find needful.

The type of quarters selected for the club will depend mainly on the number of players and the club's financial resources. A large club can maintain elaborate rooms, open at all times, making it possible for members to drop in for a game at any time of the day or night. With smaller clubs, the situation is more complex; meetings must generally be limited to one a week or two a month.

The committee chosen to nominate officers should not be influenced by the chess-playing ability of the various eligible members. The president, as the club's principal officer, should be a person of the executive or leader type; the utmost care is needed in selecting a qualified or capable president for the first year.

Usually, if a club is to be made successful, a president should not be reelected. If he is a good president, the temptation is to give him another term, then another and another. Such action is not in the best interests of the club, but rather a pitfall to be avoided. There are two inherent dangers: first, such a man will dominate club activities, and second, should he die or leave the city, the club, without a trained leader, would be likely to disintegrate.

In an effort to avoid such hazards, it is suggested that the vice president manage the club under the direction of the president and then

shall be elected president next year. This provides a year's experience for the official before he becomes president. Within a few years, under this plan, the club will have a number of men, any one of whom is experienced in club management.

It is suggested, also, that the president appoint four committee chairmen each year. From these four, one could be selected for vice president the following year. This plan would insure having experienced men by the time they were called upon to direct the activities of the club.

The offices of treasurer and secretary may be filled by the same individuals for more than one year if well qualified men are selected.

When the fledgling club gathers for its second meeting, the chairman should call on each committee for its report and recommendations. The club as a whole should be asked for comment and should be asked to accept or reject the recommendations.

The business program for the second meeting should include adoption of by-laws, selection of meeting place, choice of club name, decision on number of meetings to be held each month, and election of officers and directors for the first year.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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port, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Problems of Life, Chess Life's Problems, and A Chess Nut or

It is more blessed to give, etc.

SEZ I to myself, sez I, when I gave me consent (which was all I could give, after givin' me hat to the hatless, hairless barber's Society, me pants to the trouserless legion of losing race horse bettors, me shoes to the band of disappointed office seekers, who wear out not only their shoes but also their souls running after "do nothing for cash" political jobs, and finally I give me awl to the shoemakers union, all of which places me in the fix of the feller who had to sneak home in a barrel. I might add I forgot to mention I had also given me sox to a bunch of sockless prize fighters or cauliflower-eared pugilists. Add to these gifts me donations to Orphans Homes, Veterans of two World Wars, Veterans of Indian, Spanish, Mexican, Civil and Religious Wars, various labor unions, the war debt, the relief program, the Red Cross, the Community Chest, the March of Dimes, contributions both for the Suppression of John L. Lewis and also for exalting him. Also am I giving to the Salvation Army, hospitals, lodges and even to the U. S. Government am I giving my income tax, which of all other gifts most taxes my income. And I must not forget the aid I have given to the erection of homes for the aged, the inebriates, defeated politicians, ex-Governors, Chess Nuts and their mates.) But as I was sayin' to myself, as I started to write "when I gave me consent" to take over the job of acting as Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE, sez I to myself, sez I: You are sure lettin' your self in for a parcel of trouble and worry. Sez I: You are sure provin' you are a really good Chess Nut, for who else would take a job in these days workin' overtime without pay, and all the time havin' all living expenses raised to a point where it taxes your income so that you are flat broke and have to go around begging or borrowing money in order to keep from being sent to prison because you have nothing left with which to pay your income tax, which I kinder remember is now about due again-

You ask: What is the solution for these life problems? Bein' a Chess Nut, I'll tell you. Don't try to solve them. Forget them by getting out your board and chessmen and compose yourself by solving the Problems of Chess Life.

Enjoy peace and rest. Merry Xmas to all!

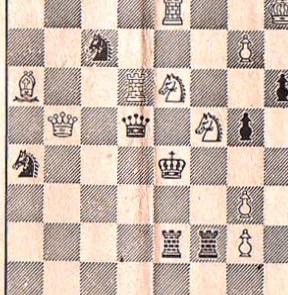
Problem No. 7

By G. E. Carpenter

(deceased)

Vintage of 1876

Black: 8 men



White: 10 men
4R2K, 2s3P, B2R2S2, 1Q1p1s1p1, s2k3, 6P1,
4r1P1, 8

White mates in two moves

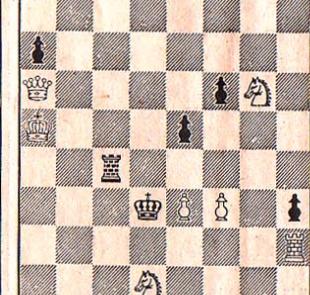
Problem No. 8

By E. B. Cook

(deceased)

Vintage of 1864

Black: 6 men



White: 7 men
8, p7, Q4p1, K3p3, 2s, 5kP1p, 7B, 8s4

White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The solution to Problem No. 3 is: 1. B-Kt4 with the threat to mate by 2. P-K8. The Black moves which defend against the threat by White are: 1. P-B6; 1. P-Q6; 1. P-K6; 1. P-Q5; 1. RXP. The respective mates by White to these defenses are: 2. Q-B7; 2. PxP; 2. Q-R8; 2. P-K4; and 2. Q-QR3. Easy to solve but a marvellously constructed problem. In problems of this character where the key creates a threat to mate, the problems are referred to as threat creation problems.

The solution to Problem No. 4 is: 1. Q-Kt4 with threat of 2. Kt-Q4 mate. The only defenses Black has to guard against the threat are the flight moves of the Black K, viz: 1. K-Q2; 1. K-Q4; and 1. K-Kt4; the respective mating White moves ensuing are: 2. KtxKtP; 2. Q-B3; and 2. Kt-B7. This problem has an excellent well concealed key, which gives the Black R two extra flights. Variety is scant but is far more difficult to solve than No. 3.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 3 and No. 4 were received from Homer Groendyke, N. Gabor and Dr. H. H. Slutz, all of Cincinnati, O.

Education in Chess has to be an education in independent thinking and judgment. Chess must not be memorized, simply because it is not important enough . . . You should keep in mind no names, nor numbers nor isolated incidents, not even results, but only methods. The method is plastic. It is applicable in every situation.—Emanuel Lasker.

Who's Who in American Chess

Kenneth S. Howard

Among the most distinguished of American problem composers must be ranked Kenneth S. Howard, who adds to this distinction the honor of being the most popular of writers on the chess problem and one of the outstanding editors of problem departments.

Born in LeRoy, New York on April 12, 1882, Kenneth Howard learned to play chess at the age of four. He attended the University of Rochester and before graduating had become the champion of the Rochester Chess Club, a title he held for many years.

Studying to be a chemist, Howard turned eventually to the advertising field, and his miscellaneous writings include "How to Write Advertisements" and "Method of Sales Promotion." Moving about the country, he won championships in the Erie Chess Club and East Orange Chess Club, and in the period from 1927 to 1938 played on the Marshall Chess Club. But it is as a problem composer and editor that Kenneth S. Howard is best known, despite his playing skill. He composed his first problem in 1895 at the age of thirteen, and won his first success in an international tourney with second and fourth prizes in the two-move tourney of the Belgian Revue d'Échecs in 1904.

Known for many years as editor of the excellent problem section of the American Chess Bulletin, Howard acquired new fame with the publication of "The Enjoyment of Chess Problems"—a book which has done more to increase interest in the problem than any one other item. For that reason, the USCF selected Kenneth S. Howard to head the Problem Committee of the USCF which has just completed its first major duty in awarding the prizes in the First USCF problem Tournaments.

For The

Tournament-Minded

December 26-30

2nd Biennial Intercollegiate Championship

New York, N. Y.

Sponsored by the College Chess Committee under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation; open to any college player meeting his school's regular eligibility rules; four entries permitted from each school; write Rhys Hays, Secretary of the Committee, 430 West 116th Street, New York 27, N. Y., for further information.

December 27-28

2nd Oklahoma State Championship

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Open to residents of Oklahoma; held at Hotel Mayor in Tulsa by invitation of Tulsa Chess Club under auspices of the USCF. Five round Swiss. Entry fee \$2.00 to USCF members; \$3.00 to nonmembers. For details write Dr. Kester Svendsen, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

December 27-28

Tennessee Valley Open Tournament

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Open to all chess players; play at Red Room of Fatton Hotel; Entry fee probably \$2.00 to \$3.00; For details write: L. J. Miller, 2404 Chamberlain Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

What's In A Name?

HERE are some openings whose very name conjures up a vision of slashing attacks, brilliant sacrifices, surprises at every turn. The Max Lange Attack is such an opening, and the following game is the beau ideal of the Max Lange.

MAX LANGE ATTACK

London, 1918

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-B3	Kt-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4
4. O-O	Kt-B3
5. P-Q4	PxP
6. P-K5	P-Q4
7. PxKt	PxP
8. R-K1 ch	

So far all book. The usual continuation is now 8., B-K3; 9. Kt-Kt5, Q-Q4; 10. Kt-QB3, Q-B4; 11. QKt-K4 with a complicated middle game which will tax the ingenuity of both players. Black therefore tries something "simpler":

9. K-B1

As is customary where castling is forfeited, Black's King will have to accustom himself to a certain amount of persecution.

9. B-K5! PxP

White was threatening to win the Queen with 10 PxP ch. 9., P-KKt3? loses at least the exchange (10. B-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 11. B-Kt7).

10. B-R6 ch K-Kt1

11. Kt-B3!

Bringing up new forces against the exposed King.

11. B-KK5

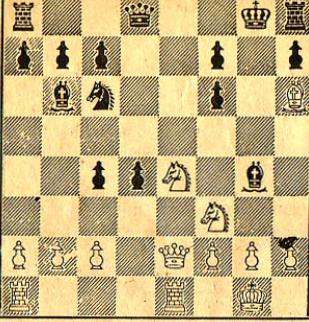
11., PxKt? is refuted by 12. QxQ ch. KtxQ; 13. R-K8 ch and mate next move. 11., B-B1 seems best, although after 12. BxB KxB; 13. Kt-K4 followed by 14. Q-Q2 Black's position does not look inviting.

12. Kt-K4 B-K3?

Removing a badly needed piece from the defense. He should still have tried B-KB1.

13. Q-K2!

Now things begin to happen. The immediate threat is mate in three with 14. KtxP ch!, QxKt; 15. Q-Q5 ch! etc.



13. Kt-K4
Allows a startling reply.
14. KtxK!!! BxQ
15. Kt-Q7!!! Resigns
He cannot stop mate by 16. KtxP ch etc.

HAVERHILL TIES NEWBURYPORT IN MASS. LEAGUE

First round in the new North Shore League of Massachusetts on November 14 saw the visiting Haverhill team tie the Newburyport team 3-3. The Haverhill Club is a newcomer, organized last March, and the Newburyport Club is only a year old.

Haverhill Chess	Newburyport Chess
E. Davis 1	B. Gould 0
R. Davis 1	R. McLaughlin 0
W. Vittum 1	C. Whittemore 0
G. Cole 0	M. Gould 1
W. Nathan 0	E. Riel 1
C. Lancaster 0	M. McLaughlin 1
Haverhill 3	Newburyport 3

RUSSIANS BOW TO SACRAMENTO

On November 8 the Capitol City Chess Club of Sacramento journeyed to San Francisco to play the recently organized Russian Chess Club at the Russian Center on Sutter Street. With one game left for adjudication, Sacramento won by a score of 4½-2½.

Capitol City	Russian Chess
Meyer 1	Prokodin 0
Gee 1	Svalberg 0
Austin 3	Donnelly 3
Iverson 1	Kondrashoff 0
Marianos 1	Bendit 0
Kozen 1	Toreff 0
Johnson 0	Schirovsky 0
May 0	Branton 1
Capitol 4½	Russian 2½

Chess News Enters 4,000,000 Homes But Not All Readers Play Chess

By Gene Collett

The average chess player, no doubt, will stare at you in incredulous bewilderment if you casually inform him that more than 4,000,000 citizens of the United States receive chess news in their homes.

He will be wrong to doubt your word, however, because the figure given is a gross underestimate: it represents only the number of paid subscribers of American periodicals carrying chess news. The newspapers say they have 3.5 readers for every copy sold—you can do your own multiplying!

It is not the intention of this article to give a breakdown of the circulation of papers carrying chess news, though it might be mentioned that chess columns now appear in a least 16 daily newspapers, five weekly papers and two monthly

This does not include such publications devoted exclusively to chess. These chess papers is the Philadelphia 50-year-old column goes into 100 homes every Sunday. Not far Angeles Times, with some 700,000 papers with chess columns go 1,000 homes each.

If this article is two-fold: (1) to publications printing chess columns buy one of these papers, if it is use the list in pushing their re-in their own paper; and (2) to LIFE in completing a survey of

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Checkmate

Correspondence Chess League of America Holds Annual Election By Mail

By an overwhelming vote Erich W. Marchand (CHESS LIFE Games Editor) was reelected president of the CCLA and William M. Byland (USCF Vice-President) returned to office as CCLA first vice-president in the recent election by mail of the Correspondence Chess League of America.



Clark Merritt

The second vice-presidency went to Clark Merritt of San Marino, Calif., an auditor for the State of California, who steps into the vacany created by the unexpected death of Henry G. Tyer. Leo Ivork of Worcester, Mass., Principal of the Worcester Grammar School, was elected treasurer—a post he has held by appointment since the resignation of M. O. Meyer of Sacramento, Calif.

The important post of secretary went to Dick Rees of Sioux City, Iowa, a professional stenographer whose confinement to bed as an invalid has only seemed to spur him to greater efforts and efficiency.

Dick Rees, who is CCLA Games Recorder and Rating Statistician in addition to secretary, was reelected without a dissenting vote.

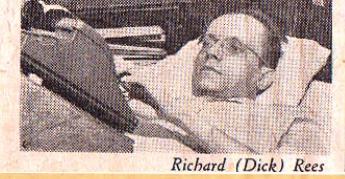
James W. Jenkins, photographer and photo-finisher, of Newark, New York, was reelected to the post of tournament director which he has held since resigning the secretaryship into Dick Rees' custody.

Directors elected were Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Okla., professor of music and languages at Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State



William M. Byland

James W. Jenkins



Richard (Dick) Rees

Chess Life

Saturday, December 20, 1947

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

The increasing popularity of raido match play is given new emphasis by the announcement of the plans of the Marshall Chess Club to play the Capablanca Chess Club of Havana on January 3rd.

Who will be the next intercollegiate champion? Kiven Plesset of C.C.N.Y., the defending titleholder, is certain of a stiff battle from a group of young players whose names become ever more familiar: Yale's Robert Byrne, somewhat uneven, but with almost as much real ability as many a recognized master; Columbia's Walter Shipman, whose one-time passive style has matured into a sureness and aggressiveness which have assured him first place in the preliminaries of the Manhattan Chess Club championships; George Kramer of Queens College, whose list of victories and titles would seem to make the Intercollegiate event a sure thing for him; Yeshiva's Harry Yanofsky, younger brother of Dan A. Yanofsky of international fame, whose play has improved considerably during the past year; and New York University's Stanley Weinstein, the Southern champion, who specializes in defeating "name" players.

Minnesota

Minneapolis Star—O. A. Holt, 825 W. 5th St., Willmar, Minn. Stillwater Post-Messenger (weekly)—U. S. Smith, Willernie, Minn. White Bear Press (weekly)—U. S. Smith, Willernie, Minn.

New Jersey

Home News (weekly, Oakhurst)—Harry T. Conover, 220 Roosevelt Ave., Elberon, N. J.

New York

Aufbau (weekly German language paper, New York City)—S. Birnbaum, in care of Aufbau, New York, N. Y.

Brooklyn Eagle—Hermann Helms, 150 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y.

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Ohio

Cleveland Plain Dealer—David Robb, in care of Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Philadelphia Inquirer—Isaac Ash, 1636 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Milwaukee Journal—Averill Powers, 187 North Jefferson St., Milwaukee 2, Wis.

PAWNS ARE STILL MUCH TOO GOOD

Opening of the Cleveland Chess League matches indicate that the Pawns Chess Club is still too smart for its seniors, emerging from the first round with a 2½-1½ victory over the Checkmate Club.

Pawns Chess Checkmate

L. Friedman 1 M. W. Patrick 0

B. Granger 1 C. Beelechi 0

R. Sachs 0 F. Haban 1

J. Harkins 1 E. Johnson 0

Pawns 2½ Checkmate 1½

In the other first round match the Case Chess Club bested the Queen's Chess Club 3-1, while in the Industrial League Brush Development beat N.Y.C. Railroad 5-0; Cleveland Graphite Bronze won from Cleveland Tool 4-0; Lubrizol Corp. whipped Weldon Tool 3-1; Ohio Bell Telephone drew Warner & Swasey 2½-2½; and R & K Tool & Die downed Miok Construction 2½-1½.

Traveling to Pittsburgh on November 22, the Penn State Chess Club trounced the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club by a score of 6-2. Limited in traveling time, the Penn State Club is looking for shortwave radio matches and interested clubs are invited to contact Marion Schwimmer, 114 Atherton Hall, State College, Pa.

Recent elections in the Penn State Chess Club resulted in John Ekey as president, Perry Smith vice-president, Richard Cressman recording secretary, and Marion Schwimmer corresponding secretary.

United passed pawns are a lot stronger than a lone passed pawn. Join the USCF and get unity in American chess.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Quebec Provincial Championship

Montreal, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White J. GERSHO Black M. GUZE
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. B-Kt5 B-K2
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 6. P-K3 P-B3
 3. P-QB4 P-K3 7. PxP KtxP
 4. Kt-QB3 QKt-Q2
 5. KPxP would be more satisfactory.
 It would strengthen Black's P center and help release the QB. The coming exchange of Kts will help White.
 6. BxB QxB 10. PxKt P-K4
 7. B-Q3 KtxKt

This is Black's method of releasing the QB. White will retain a slight advantage because of quicker development, somewhat stronger center, and a chance to attack the QKtP before long.

11. Q-B2 P-KKt3
 The weakness created here is not fatal. But more important was to save time in development. 11. PxP; 12. BxP, Kt-B3 was better.

12. O-O O-O 14. Kt-Q2

13. KR-K1 R-K1

This does not turn out too well for White. 11. P-Kt would be better.

14. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 16. P-QB4

15. P-B3 Kt-Q4

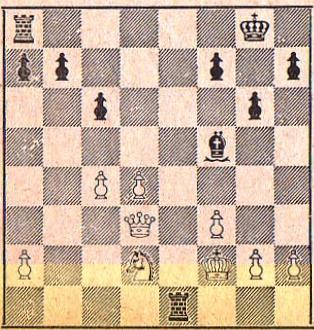
Black's last move was a good one. If 16. P-QR3; P-P; 17. BxP, (if 17. KPxP, QxR ch) KtxP! If 16. P-K4, Kt-B5 with a good attack. White should here try the defensive line 16. Kt-B1; 17. Kt-B3; 18. Kt-K5; 19. Kt-B3; KtxB; 19. PxP

It was better to permit an isolated P by 19. QxP. Black's two R's will be considerably better than the Q if properly handled. Black has more than equalized.

19. RxR ch. 21. K-B2 B-B4

20. RxQ RxRch

After 21. B-B4 Guze



Gersho

A difficult decision but this attractive looking move is a little too energetic. Black's best chance lies in 21. R-K1 with a slow careful reorganization. If then 22. Kt-K4; B-B4; 23. Kt-B6 ch (in 23. Q-Kt3, R-K2), R-K1!

22. Kt-K4 R-QR8 23. Q-K13 P-QK4

25. BxKt would be advisable here. The Kt is strong here and the B weak, blocked as it is by its own Ps. White will then soon have a Passed P but Black will have two very active R's. White's next move is strong than it looks.

24. Q-K12 R-Q8 25. Kt-B6 ch K-B1

11. Kt-K7 or R1; 26. P-Q5! 26. P-Q5; PxP; 28. Kt-K5 K-B3

27. KtxP ch. Kt-K2

A move like this should be avoided as it were poison. Of course if 28. P-B3; 29. QxP, PxKt?; 30. Q-Kt7 ch. Probably best is 28. R-K1 with a difficult game for both sides. If then 29. QxP, R-Q7 ch; 30. K-K3, R1-K7.

29. P-K4 R-QK5

Here 29. R-K1 was essential to prevent White's next move.

30. Q-K2 K-K12 32. P-R5! R-KB1

31. Q-K5 ch. Kt-K1 33. Q-B6?

32. P-R6 P-B8; 34. Q-K7 forces a mate. But White wins easily anyway. A hard fought game.

33. R-K7 ch. 37. Q-R7 ch. K-B3

34. K-K13 PxP 38. Q-R6 ch K-K2

35. QxB K-K12 39. P-Q6 ch K-K1

36. P-Q5 R-K7 40. P-Q7 ch. Resigns

Awarded prize as best played game in tournament.

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RUY LOPEZ

Canada vs. Australia

Radio Chess Match, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White A. YANOFSKY Black G. KOSHITSKY (Australia)
 1. P-K4 P-K4 6. B-K13 B-K2
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. R-K1 O-O
 3. B-K5 P-QR3 8. P-B3 P-Q3
 4. B-R4 Kt-B3 9. P-KR3

5. O-O P-QK4

It is worthwhile to prevent the pin.

9. Kt-Q2 12. B-B2 P-B4

10. P-Q4 B-B3 13. Q-K1-Q2 Q-B2

11. B-K3 Kt-R4 14. Kt-B1 P-K3

Black can win a P by 14. PxP etc. since at the end White's P will hang. But it would leave the P position much too ragged to be worthwhile.

15. B-R6 R-K1 19. BxP KxP

16. Kt-K3 Kt-K3 20. B-B3 QKt-B5

17. PxP PxP 21. QKt-K4 K-Q2

18. Kt-R2 B-KKt2

If 21. KtxP; 22. Q-B6 ch, K-K1; 23. Kt-R6 ch, K-B1; 24. Q-R8 ch, Kt-K2; 25. QxP, B-K3; 26. Q-K7 and 27. Kt-K4.

22. P-QK3 P-KR4 27. RxP KtxP

23. Kt-K3 KtxP 28. B-B3 Kt-B1

24. QxKt B-K2 29. R-Q1 P-B3

25. Q-K13 Q-R1 30. Kt-R4 K-Q2

There was a slight threat of 31. Kt-B5 ch.

31. K-R2 R-Q1 33. B-K1 P-Kt4

32. R-KB1 R-Q7

This is going from Sevilla to Charybdis (from Icarus' pan to fire). The threat of 34. P-KB4 could be met by 33. Q-Q8. If then 34. P-KB4; PxP; 35. RxP, Q-K4.

34. Kt-B5 Q-KB2

35. Q-QB2 would save the loss of a P by 35. Q-Q3.

35. P-KR4!

White doesn't bother to take the P with

Tournament Life

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Rochester 3, New YorkThreatening P-K5.
 11. O-QK1 R-K1 14. P-KR3 B-KB4
 12. P-QK3 R-QB1 15. R-B1
 13. B-K2 Q-K2
 Not 15. P-B8 because of 15. B-Q6.
 15. P-B3 16. PxP RxP
 Now B-QKt5 is a possibility so White gives

17. P-R3 BxQRP 19. Kt-K11

18. BxP QxP
 After 19. KtxP, Kt-Q2 Black wins the Kt by P-B8.

19. Q-K2 21. KR-K1 KT-B5

Setting a trap. 22. RkxP! Kt-K7 ch.

.... into which White has fallen.

After 22. Kt-K7 ch Housewirth

35. QxP! He prefers to attack and keep Black off balance.

36. Kt-K3 36. PxP!
 If now 36. KtxP; 37. P-KB4, KtxP leads to some delightful combinations. But after 38. Q-K3, Q-Q4 (if 38. PxP; 39. RxP or 38. Q-K2; 39. BxKt); 39. Kt-Kt5 (or 39. PxP; RxP ch and Black almost snaps), P-B4; 40. KtxKt, PxKt; 41. BxP ch! But White can avoid all this by 37. Q-K3 and then 37. P-KB4.

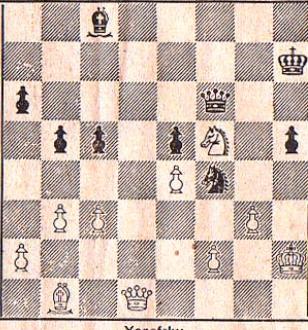
37. PxP QxP 39. Q-R1!

It is hard to realize that Black will be practically helpless after this.

39. RxR 41. P-K3 Resigns

40. QxR B-B1

After 41. P-K3 Kdzhitsky



Yanofsky

Back to K3 looks better. Then if Black plays his B to Kt5 and R6, White plays his KR to F and Qr-Q2 and Black has to struggle much harder.

23. B-K5 24. P-B3
 Very bad. Was White in time difficulty? A sacrifice by Black is soon in order.

24. B-R6 27. P-B4 B-K5

25. KR-KL R-K5 28. B-KB1 B-R5

26. RxR ch. RxP 29. B-K3 P-B4

Opening up a passage for the Q to the K-side.

30. Q-Q2 B-B3 Threatening RxP followed by Q-K5.

31. K-K2 R-K5 32. B-Q3 B-QB6

After 32. B-QB6 Whitaker



Kramer

33. Q-KB2 This helps toward building a mating net. But if 33. QxB, RxB Black threatens QxP ch winning the B, or B-R6 ch winning the exchange. In that case 34. Q-B5, offering the most resistance, is answered by 34. B-R6 ch; 35. K-B2, RxB; 36. QxR, QxP ch; 37. Kt-K1 or K1, QxR ch; 38. QxQ, BxQ; 39. ExB, K-B2 and wins.

33. Q-KB2 34. BxR

Black announced mate in two moves. It seems that in the latter part of the game White was either pressed for time or just weary. We may note that in this variation Black is capable of better things. The P on Q5 started all his troubles. Black never gave it a chance to be "dynamic."

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ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

Correspondence Match, 1944-45

Notes by Dr. Siegfried Werthammer from the West Virginia Chess Bulletin

White R. R. COVEYOU Black DR. S. WERTHAMMER

1. P-K4 K1-KB3 2. P-B5 Kt-Q1

3. P-K5 Kt-Q5 4. B-B4

5. P-QB4 Kt-K3

White's 4th and 5th moves in this defense are a recommendation of Emanuel Lasker.

11. B-K1 looks much better. Then if 11. Kt-K2; 12. P-K4, P-K4; 13. Kt-B3 gives prospects of an even and lively game.

11. PxP 12. KtxP R-K2

Black here has the initiative. His position is excellent with threats facing White constantly.

13. P-Q3

On the face this looks good because it frees the QB, but it can be converted by Black to an isolated P which will be difficult to hold. We still prefer R-Q1.

13. KtxP 14. PxKt R-K2

Black's development is better. The QB controls a long diagonal. It should prove difficult or costly to neutralize it.

13. B-KB3

A neat detaining move forcing White to defend the QKtP before he can develop his B.

14. R-K1 Kt-K4 15. KtxP BxKt

The natural 5th move for Black would be P-K3. However, 6. Kt-QB3 or 6. Q-Kt4 would give White a strong attack. The next move is tricky but Black should get a congested and compressed game.

13. P-Q14 Kt-K14

With this move, Mr. Coveyou sent this note:—"With all due respect to the hypermodern openings, I cannot believe an opening is good which consists of moving a King for 4 moves and placing it in a corner where it blocks the development of important pieces." Mr. Coveyou was definitely right with his opinion of the opening but a great deal may occur after the opening.

14. P-Q4 8. B-K3

Much better would have been 8. P-KxP c. P-BxP; 9. P-Q5, Kt-B2 with a free and superior game for White. The idea of the text move is to prevent Black from developing his B but Black's next move threatens to win a P and forces the trade of White's "good" RB for a Kt.

8. Kt-B2 9. B-Q4

The only way to prevent loss of a P.

9. B-Q2 10. BxKt BxKt

Black is still very restricted and his pieces have little scope, but he has a great strategical advantage. White's white squares are very weak due to absence to the KB, and the P phalanx on black squares. The motif of Black's play in the following will be to utilize these weaknesses and break through behind White's imposing P-chain, while White will try to keep his P moving to keep Black constricted.

11. Kt-B3 12. R-QK1 P-KQ1

White cannot afford to open lines for BxP.

12. PxP 13. QxP e.p.; therefore he seals the Q-side, hoping Black's QB will be blocked in forever.

14. P-K15 15. P-KB4

White supports his KP, as he fears breaking up of his center—later on—Black's P-KB3.

15. P-KB4 16. P-Kt3

White supports his KP, as he fears breaking up of his center—later on—Black's P-KB3.

16. Kt-B3 B-R3

White's 16th move is a Kt-pawn.

17. P-R4 18. P-Kt3

White's 17th move is a Kt-pawn.

19. Kt-B1

White's 19th move is a Kt-pawn.

20. P-B3

White's 20th move is a Kt-pawn.

21. P-B1

Now going after the K-position.

22. Kt-KK5 23. B-Q2

White's 22nd move is a Kt-pawn.

23. Kt-B1

White's 23rd move is a Kt-pawn.

24. P-B2

White's 24th move is a Kt-pawn.

25. P-B1

White's 25th move is a Kt-pawn.

26. P-B2

White's 26th move is a Kt-pawn.

27. P-B1

White's 27th move is a Kt-pawn.

28. P-B2

White's 28th move is a Kt-pawn.

29. P-B1

White's 29th move is a Kt-pawn.

30. P-B2

White's 30th move is a Kt-pawn.

31. P-B1

White's 31st move is a Kt-pawn.

32. P-B2

White's 32nd move is a Kt-pawn.

33. P-B1

White's 33rd move is a Kt-pawn.

34. P-B2

White's 34th move is a Kt-pawn.

35. P-B1

White's 35th move is a Kt-pawn.

36. P-B2

White's 36th move is a Kt-pawn.

37. P-B1

White's 37th move is a Kt-pawn.

38. P-B2

White's 38th move is a Kt-pawn.

39. P-B1

White's 39th move is a Kt-pawn.

40. P-B2

White's 40th move is a Kt-pawn.

41. P-B1

White's 41st move is a Kt-pawn.

42. P-B2

White's 42nd move is a Kt-pawn.

43. P-B1

White's 43rd move is a Kt-pawn.

44. P-B2

White's 44th move is a Kt-pawn.

45. P-B1

White's 45th move is a Kt-pawn.